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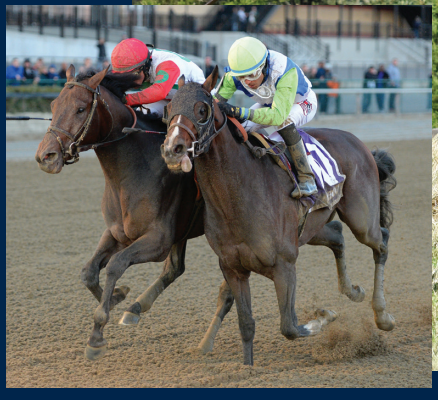

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First crop of 2019 foals are exceptional: balanced, leggy, correct. Divine, like their sire.

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GSW Divining Rod just missed by a head-bob in G1 Cigar Mile (above) and earned $882,604.

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Three Diamonds Farm finds plenty of shine

The Wycoff family has realized plenty of racing success via the claim box and the sales arena with their Three Diamonds Farm and other ventures. By Jeff Lowe. Page 30

New Jersey-bred Brother Chub keeps on winning

Co-owner Bob Krangel calls Brother Chub "one of the happiest horses I've ever had" and who's going to argue. The former claimer has made a habit of finishing first or second (he's done both a combined 28 times) while becoming something of a local legend at Parx Racing. By Linda Dougherty. Page 36

TRF turns to Maryland

Boosted by a prison equine program in the state, and a recent event at Sagamore Farm, the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation looks to expand its position within the Maryland industry. By Tom LaMarra. Page 40

May sale becomes 'the' sale

From sales company Fasig-Tipton, consignors and buyers, the mood shouted optimism as Timonium's May sale of 2-year-olds approached. The preview covers freshmen stallions, a consignor tour, a look back at last year and more. By Joe Clancy and Tom Law. Page 42

The Steeplechase Times

Jump season hits full speed

After a slow start to the 2018 season, trainer Jack Fisher comes out firing in 2019 as National Steeplechase Association circuit ramps up in March, early April. By Sean Clancy. Page 60

Cover: Buyers will be looking for more horses like graded stakes winner–and 2018 graduate–Call Paul at Fasig-Tipton Midlantic's May sale of 2-year-olds. Photo by Tod Marks

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LITTLE BIG HORSES: Pony racers head down the stretch at the Elkridge-Harford Point-to-Point held at Atlanta Hall Farm in Monkton, Md., in April.

Carol Fenwick photo

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"You'll never eat a taco back east, I'll tell you that."
Horseman Tom Goncharoff, who relocated from Kentucky to New Mexico 11 years ago for his job with Crystal Springs Farm

"When some of my hurdle horses lose a step or two."
Leading steeplechase owner George Mahoney, on when he'll have some timber horses again

"He's good 95 percent of the time. The other 5 percent he keeps us on our toes. Every once in awhile he'll remind you he's a colt."
Trainer Mike Trombetta, about 3-year-old Win Win Win

"These are big horses. If they don't have manners I'm going to get hurt. They cross tie, they wall tie, they have to have manners."
Sales consignor Courtney Young, on teaching young horses early

"It gets cool enough but it's not miserable. That jump starts their winter attitudes and I don't think you can take that away from horses. They need a little bit of that."
Sales consignor Cary Frommer, on winter in Aiken

"I entered 22. My consignment is 12, that tells you something."
Sales consignor Michelle Hemingway, on the popularity of Fasig-Tipton's May sale

Cover Boys. *When Weston Hamilton made the cover of the April edition (left) he was following the bootprints of his father Steve, who made the cover of the November/December 1995 edition aboard Maryland Million winner Mz. Zill Bear.*

GO FIGURE

2 Wins in seven days for Turbin, who won at Laurel Park March 24 and March 31 for Team Gaudet and trainer Lacey Gaudet. Risked for a $5,000 tag both times, the 9-year-old was bred in Maryland by Robert Meyerhoff's Fitzhugh LLC.

49.20 Payoff for a $1 trifecta ticket on Confessor, Nico Bree N Teej and Hall Pass in the seventh race at Laurel Park April 7. The three Maryland-breds are all by Freedom Child.

25 Letters represented in *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred*'s Names of the Month since the feature began in February 2012. Nobody's got a good X name for a horse?

NAMES OF THE MONTH

Forgiving. Sherry Fenwick's 5-year-old mare, bred in Pennsylvania by Jonathan Sheppard, is by Redeemed and out of Confined. Also trained by Sheppard, Forgiving won twice on the flat in 2017 and raced over jumps in April.

Sportswear. The English-bred 4-year-old, also in the barn of Jonathan Sheppard, is out of Casual Look.

Bet the Pot. Another Sheppard name. The 4-year-old Pennsylvania-bred gelding is by Lookin At Lucky and out of Push My Luck.

Imataurus. The 5-year-old Pennsylvania-bred mare, second at Penn National in April, is by Astrology. Born April 26, 2014, she really is a Taurus.

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Hip **317**–KY-bred **AWESOME AGAIN** colt o/o My Merry Way
Hip **373**–NY-bred **GOLDEN LAD** filly o/o Pink Tights
Hip **413**–MD-bred **FREEDOM CHILD** filly o/o Reappearance
Hip **415**–KY-bred **POINT OF ENTRY** colt o/o Red Neck Song
Hip **441**–KY-bred **REVOLUTIONARY** filly o/o Satilla Shores
Hip **451**–NY-bred **GOLDEN LAD** colt o/o Sensationista
Hip **498**–KY-bred **CANDY RIDE (ARG)** filly o/o Stellabymoonlight
Hip **520**–NY-bred **WICKED RICH** colt o/o Swimmer
Hip **581**–KY-bred **THE FACTOR** filly o/o Well At the Top (Ire)

Our 2018 consignment averaged nearly $110,000, topped by a $300,000 Morning Line colt named Morning Snow, pictured here, and a $135,000 Yes It's True colt, named Lutsky, who won at first asking in a Belmont maiden special.

Region comes together to address equine safety

By Tom LaMarra

Issues related to Thoroughbred racing, particularly those regarding regulation, medication and safety, usually require extensive discussion and analysis of data. That reality is in conflict with an environment of knee-jerk reaction and perception-over-fact that can stymie real progress.

For a case in point, just consider the various responses to the breakdowns at Santa Anita Park this winter and spring. Begun long before that crisis, but with ones like it in mind, Mid-Atlantic racing leaders began crafting a strategy to—in the simplest and boldest terms—reduce equine fatalities.

On March 21 at the White Clay Creek Country Club on the grounds of Delaware Park, more than 60 Mid-Atlantic stakeholders representing 29 regulatory agencies, racetracks and horsemen's groups unanimously adopted a comprehensive strategy to reduce equine fatalities in racing and training. It required more than a year of regional discussion, study, review and consultation, and its parameters were set by the stakeholders themselves in the spirit of inclusion and participation in decision-making.

Such an approach in the region has proved successful before on a number of fronts, including the launch of what would become the National Uniform Medication Program.

All of the region's racetrack operators, horsemen's organizations, breeders' organizations, racing commissions and regulatory and racetrack veterinarians participated in the preparation of what is called the Mid-Atlantic Strategic Plan to Reduce Equine Fatalities. Many phases of the plan are already in practice as they stem from the 2012 New York Task Force Report on Race Horse Health and Safety, which initially served as the model for regional and national industry reform in wake of a cluster of catastrophic injuries at Aqueduct Racetrack.

Since regional implementation of the task force's recommendations, as well as others in the subsequent six years, the incidence of equine racing fatalities in the Mid-Atlantic region declined 29 percent based on Equine Injury Database statistics. In New York alone, the incidence of equine racing fatalities in 2018 was 1.29 per 1,000 starts, the lowest fatality rate in the state in decades and well below the national average of 1.68 per 1,000 starts for all surfaces combined.

The goal, however, is to continue bringing down the number of fatalities, which makes the new strategic plan a "living" document—it will be updated and improved as needed. The plan requires a buy-in of all stakeholders in a region in

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"It will be all hands on deck for this," said Mike Hopkins, executive director of the Maryland Racing Commission and outgoing chairman of the Association of Racing Commissioners International. "And I think we can all agree this can have nothing but positive results."

The strategic plan was drafted by Dr. Scott Palmer, equine medical director for the New York State Gaming Commission and chairman of the 2012 New York task force; former American Association of Equine Practitioners presidents and regional veterinarians Dr. Kathy Anderson and Dr. Reynolds Cowles; and Alan Foreman, chairman of the Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association and a member of the New York task force.

It incorporates five key goals: establishment of regional safety best practices, improved methods to identify horses at increased risk of injury, implementation of protective factors to reduce the risk of injury, information-sharing and communication, and improvement of the general health and welfare of the horse.

The plan is based upon evidence-based decision-making to ensure the integrity of the process at every level.

"The conscientious use of risk-management techniques, including the introduction of protective factors, have been proven to be successful in reducing the risk of injury to racehorses," according to an introduction of the plan. "However, the use of risk-management programs is not uniformly practiced across all racing jurisdictions. The development of a strategic plan to reduce equine fatalities in the Mid-Atlantic region is an effort to develop and share regional best practices and communication tools that can be used to minimize equine fatalities on a broad scale."

Underlying assumptions of the plan are that equine and human safety is the "North Star" from which all else follows; that it is possible to reduce equine fatalities with risk management; that informed decisions are made with the best interests of the horse in mind; and that best practices can be developed—with a willingness by stakeholders to embrace changes and adopt them.

Education and communication will play a big part in keeping the strategic plan on course, as will involvement by the worldwide scientific community. Foreman said a lack of information, candor and forthrightness with the public and within the industry is counterproductive.

"You have to be honest," he said. "The public is a lot smarter than some people give it credit for. The public really appreciated the New York task force report. Our story is a different story than what has happened in California (during the Santa Anita Park winter meet).

"We've come a long way but we have a long way to go. Breakdowns are a multifactorial issue."

The goals and objectives of the strategic plan are as follows:

- Develop regional safety best practices.
- Increase awareness and understanding of conditions associated with injury.
- Develop improved methods to identify horses at increased risk of injury.
- Identify and implement protective factors that will reduce the risk of injury.
- Improve general horse health.

An Administration Committee composed of regulators and horsemen will be charged with establishing priorities for each of the five goals, scheduling periodic meetings on the plan's progress, and establishing outcome objectives for each goal. A Communications Committee will provide information to the public and industry at large, while an Education Committee will develop a continuing education program for stakeholders. There will be two veterinary committees, one made up of regulatory vets and the other practicing vets.

Numerous comments from stakeholders helped develop the plan and led to recommendations for the Mid-Atlantic strategy. Some are already in place, but the goal is to standardize them across seven states: Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia.

Among them are uniform claiming regulations designed to protect the horse; consistent racing surface monitoring protocols; full participation in the Equine Injury Database and development of a system to track and report training injuries; standardization and improvement of prerace examination protocols, which is called "the last line of defense" for a racehorse; the hiring of safety stewards, who could play an important role in execution of the plan, by all jurisdictions; and accreditation by the National Thoroughbred Racing Association Safety and Integrity Alliance.

"It's all very doable," Palmer said of the strategic plan. "We just need to move forward with it. One of the really important things of this plan is that it has generated efficacy."

Palmer also said he sees value in having a regional injury database along with the North American database.

"If you can't measure it, you can't manage it," he said. "If we don't measure and address all of these things (in the plan), we're not doing it properly. Risk-management techniques are being used but not uniformly for various reasons. We need powerful applications."

Given the monthly scheduling of regional regulatory meetings, the Maryland Racing Commission was the first to discuss the strategic plan. Michael Algeo, who chairs the MRC, said the plan provides the industry with opportunities on multiple fronts in the current environment.

"There is an awful lot of misinformation out there about this industry," Algeo said. "And this is coming from someone who was a novice coming into this (position) two years ago. It's important if we have an issue to be addressed that we don't ignore it but attack it head-on.

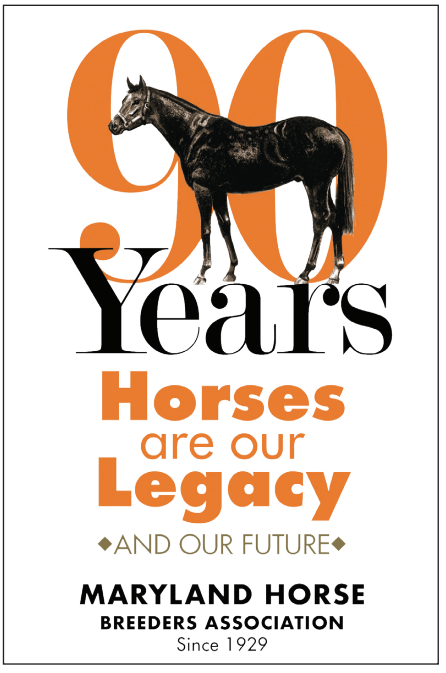
"It's also important for us to be ambassadors for the industry."

Palmer agrees.

"Our plan is, and has to be, the number one priority for the racing industry," he said. "The decrease in equine fatalities in the Mid-Atlantic region over the last four years is due in no small part to the introduction of a number of safety initiatives. That's a good piece of news. It is important to recognize the progress we have made and encourage other jurisdictions to follow.

"Now we have to get behind this plan in an aggressive fashion going forward."

The complete Mid-Atlantic Strategic Plan for Reducing Equine Fatalities is available at THAracing.com. ✹



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Released: A major white paper, by The Jockey Club, calling for comprehensive reform of the U.S. horse racing industry including a major overhaul of drug use and uniform out-of-competition drug testing, citing the need for "transparency into the medical treatment, injuries, and health of all racehorses." The Jockey Club expressed its strong support for federal legislation citing the Horse Racing Integrity Act of 2019, H.R. 1754, which would create a private, independent, horse racing anti-doping authority responsible for developing and administering a nationwide anti-doping and medication control program. The program would be administered by the United States Anti-Doping Agency, the body responsible for administering anti-doping programs for human athletes including the U.S. Olympic teams. In addition to reforming how drugs are used and monitored, The Jockey Club is calling for other reforms targeted at health of equine athletes, including: Enhanced Race Surface Analysis; Reporting of all Injuries During Racing and Training; More Comprehensive Pre-race Veterinarian Examination; Use of Approved Medications Only; Confirmed Fitness to Train; and Industrywide Contributions to Aftercare.

Mandated: An immediate and strict prohibition on the use of bisphosphonates in all horses under the age of 4 throughout the entire Mid-Atlantic region and New York, by regulators, horsemen's organizations, breeders' organizations, racetrack operators and veterinarians. The decision was made at the annual Mid-Atlantic Regulatory and Stakeholders meeting held at Delaware Park March 21. The action followed a recommendation from the Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (THA) Board of Directors March 7 urging a regional and national ban.

Approved: More than $1 million in funding for equine research by the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation Board, with $1,338,858 allocated for eight new projects at seven universities, nine continuing projects, and three career development awards to fund veterinary research to benefit all horses. This is the fifth straight year that more than $1 million has been approved. The 2019 slate of research brings Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation's totals since 1983 to more than $27.5 million to underwrite 366 projects at 44 universities.

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SKY KINGDOM	**$5,000**	**$335,666**	**67.1x**
TAPITURE	**$7,500**	**$285,000**	**38.0x**
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Released: An analysis of data from the Equine Injury Database by The Jockey Club, showing that 2018 resulted in an aggregated rate of fatal injury of 1.68 per 1,000 starts. In 2017 the corresponding rate was 1.61 per 1,000 starts. Prof. Tim Parkin, veterinarian and epidemiologist from the University of Glasgow and consultant to the EID, performed the analysis and concluded that the year-over-year aggregate increase was not statistically significant. "Analysis of the EID has demonstrated that there are a multitude of factors that contribute to the risk of fatal injuries in Thoroughbred racehorses," said Prof. Parkin. "Moving forward, we should focus on the medications present in horses during racing and training, transparency of veterinary records for all starters and the collection of injury data from morning training hours."

Announced: Four new recommendations to the industry to further improve the health, welfare, and safety of its equine athletes by the Thoroughbred Safety Committee. Recommendations call for: avoidance of bisphosphonates use in a manner inconsistent with indications of use on the label and, further, discontinuance of bisphosphonates use in any horses in training regardless of age; every jurisdiction to employ a full-time equine medical director; all racing associations and regulatory officials to record additional data or make such additional data sources available for analysis in the Equine Injury Database; creation of crisis best practices tailored to the industry, including template materials and a list of crisis response resources. The recommendations resulted from a meeting of the Thoroughbred Safety Committee held March 19 in Versailles, Ky. The full text of the recommendations can be found on The Jockey Club website at jockeyclub.com.

Celebrated: The 66 Hall of Fame fillies and mares, in the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame's newest exhibition, *Fabulous and Fast: The Female Horses of the Hall of Fame*, in the Museum's Contemporary Racing Gallery. The exhibit, which runs through Dec. 31, features photographs, art, artifacts, and multimedia from the Museum Collection. Among the items featured are Virginia-bred Shuvee's Jockey Club Gold Cup trophies from 1970 and 1971. Other regional mares found in the collection are Maryland-breds Gallorette and Safely Kept; New Jersey-breds Fashion, Open Mind and Regret; and Pennsylvania-bred Go for Wand.

Televised: The Haskell Invitational at Monmouth Park and Cotillion Stakes and Pennsylvania Derby at Parx on NBC as part of the "2019 Breeders' Cup Challenge Series: Win and You're In, presented by America's Best Racing" television schedule, consisting of 11 live programs featuring more than 20 automatic qualifying races, and other major stakes, from seven of the nation's premier racetracks on the road to the Breeders' Cup World Championships.

Elected: Dr. Carolyn Karlson, Ph.D., as chair of the Retired Racehorse Project's board of directors, and Sue Smith as vice chair. Also elected to the board were Graham and Anita Motion. Karlson is a longtime owner, in partnership with Bourbon Lane Stable and independently. She is the founder and owner of Starting Gate College Consulting, which helps students and their families navigate the college application and transition process. Karlson is also the past director of the Hillman Entrepreneur's Program at the University of Maryland and is a trustee of the university. She previously served as vice chair of the RRP board and has been a board member since 2012. Smith is the executive director for CANTER Pennsylvania. She has been an RRP board member since 2015. The Motions are advocates for Thoroughbred aftercare, serving on the boards of Thoroughbred Charities of America, Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance, Thoroughbred Education Research Foundation and National Museum of Racing.

Named: New chair of the Association of Racing Commissioners International, equine health researcher and Pennsylvania Racing Commissioner Dr. Corinne Sweeney. In addition to serving on the commission since 2008, Sweeney is associate dean at the New Bolton Center at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine and one of the authors of the 2014 Consensus Statement of the independent American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine entitled "Exercise Induced Pulmonary Hemorrhage in Horses." During her remarks at the ARCI annual meeting on equine welfare and racing integrity in April, Sweeney stated "Caring for and advocating for horses and doing research on how to improve the health of horses has been my life's work. The concept that any of us would support a sport that would be detrimental to the horse dismays me."

Proposed: New penalties for violations of drug rules considered "doping" or "equine endangerment," the Drug Testing Standards and Practices Committee of the ARCI. Penalties for such violations would be effectively doubled from the existing Class A penalties, with a first violation requiring a two- to five-year suspension of the trainer and a minimum $50,000 fine which could be increased to $100,000 with aggravating circumstances. A second violation in any jurisdiction would trigger a license revocation. The proposal would also impose a $25,000 fine on an owner if there is a second lifetime offense in the owner's stable in any jurisdiction. A third offense would suspend the owner for a minimum of 30 days to as much as a year and impose a minimum fine of $50,000 which could be increased to $100,000. Existing penalties for medication overages would remain the same and many would be re-categorized as "treatment misapplication and mismanagement." If the substance or the quantity of a substance found in horse would warrant an equine endangerment charge the commission's equine medical director or regulatory veterinarian would have to recommend such to the stewards. The proposal contains a minimum $500 fine for a first-time failure to keep or report required treatment records. A second offense would bring a $2,500 fine, a third a $5,000 fine plus a referral to the commission for possible license review. For more, see arci.com or email rules@arci.com.

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Secretariat as a tourist destination

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Secretariat Day celebration (clockwise from top left): a visit with Meadow resident Groundshaker; memorabilia on display in the mansion; birthday cake depicting Secretariat and Riva Ridge; memorabilia signings with Jose Rodriguez, Steve Jordan, Steve Haskin and Kate Chenery Tweedy; tram tours.

A lovefest is held every year in Virginia. March 30 is not an arbitrary date—in Thoroughbred history, especially in Virginia, it's a holiday, for on that day in 1970, Secretariat was born at The Meadow in Doswell. The Meadow Event Park, situated on what was once the Chenery family's Thoroughbred operation, has recognized Secretariat's birthday since 2010, and every year the celebration grows.

Fans come from across the country, many making the journey annually, to stand on the grounds where a young Secretariat, as well as numerous other Meadow Stable greats, grew up to become champions and Hall of Famers.

The 2019 celebration included a 50th birthday tribute to Secretariat stablemate Riva Ridge, as well as the announcement of the creation of The Secretariat Heritage Center, a non-profit formed to build on the legacy of Secretariat and Meadow Stable at The Meadow Event Park.

The vision for the Secretariat Heritage Center is "to provide a top-level museum and visitor experience for fans and tourists from all over the country. Through tours of the historic barns, interactive exhibits, photos, videos, memorabilia, historic artifacts, racing trophies, special events and youth-focused activities, it will celebrate the story of the land, the family and the legend of Secretariat. The Center also seeks to showcase the theme of excellence as embodied by Secretariat and his team. Through partnerships, it will foster studies in leadership and excellence with a special focus on women in equestrian sports."

Initial plans for the Secretariat Heritage Center focus on restoring the original barns which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the Virginia Landmarks Register. Included are the yearling barns, with the farm manager's office and tack room, the stallion barn, Secretariat's foaling shed, training barn, and a horse cemetery.

A "Hoofprints of History Trail," which will link all the key points of interest on the property, as well as life-sized statue of Secretariat, long desired by fans, are in the works. The existing Meadow Hall Mansion, which houses galleries and exhibits of important memorabilia, will be enhanced to serve as a museum and conference center. The mansion also will continue to serve as a wedding and meeting venue.

"In Penny [Chenery]'s later years, it was always a question of where she would leave her legacy," said Wayne Dementi, a Secretariat Heritage Center board member. "She had investments in Saratoga, in Kentucky, in Colorado and in Virginia. There was a question too of how that legacy would take place. In her waning months, she picked Virginia, Secretariat's birthplace, as the place that ought to carry on Secretariat's legacy."

The chair of the campaign, Penny Chenery's daughter Kate Chenery Tweedy, plans for expanded exhibits that include more family memorabilia, as well as the addition of significant trophies. One of the first trophies added to the current exhibit was Riva Ridge's Belmont Futurity.

Although Kentucky-bred, Kentucky Derby/Belmont Stakes winner Riva Ridge had deep ties to Virginia. "Riva was a homebred," Tweedy noted. "The thing about Riva—we owned the mother and the father. He was truly our homebred." A son of First Landing—The Meadow's first homebred stallion to stand in Virginia—Riva Ridge was raised and received his early training at The Meadow. The success of the two-time Eclipse Award winner and future Hall of Famer during his 2-year-old season in 1971 was instrumental in keeping the farm in operation. "Mom was very careful to not say that Riva Ridge was her favorite," noted Tweedy. "But she would say, 'Secretariat was America's Horse, Riva Ridge was my horse.'"

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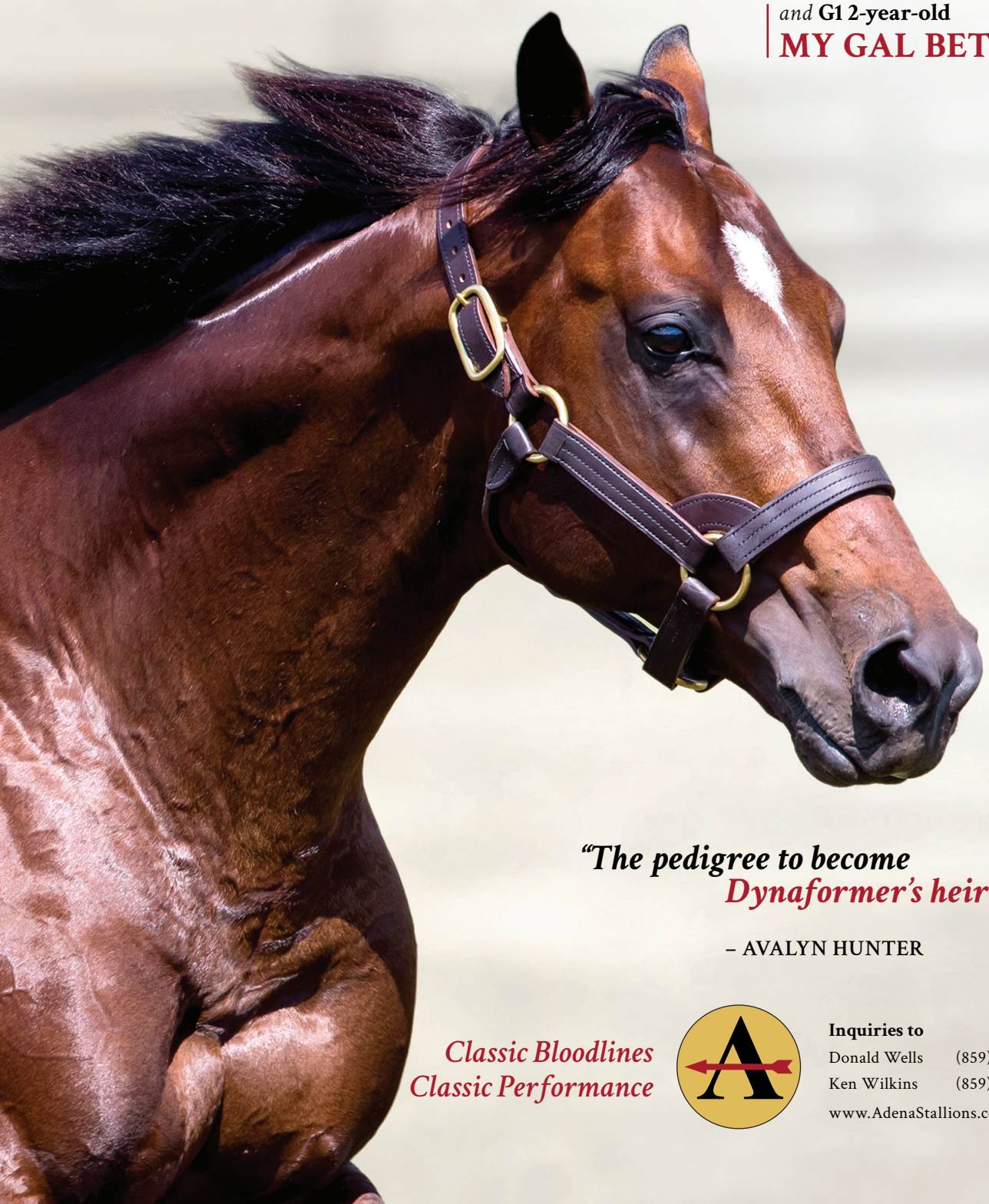

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Mid-Atlantic-bred 2-year-olds sell well at select sales

A Maryland-bred filly from the first crop of Belmont Stakes-G1 winner Tonalist was the most expensive Mid-Atlantic-bred offering at the early 2-year-old sales, selling for $450,000 to Bridlewood Farm and Eclipse Thoroughbreds at Fasig-Tipton Florida's The Gulfstream Sale, March 27. Bred by Robert Evans and foaled at his Courtland Farm in Easton, the chestnut filly is the first foal out of stakes winner Windy Forecast, a daughter of Stormy Atlantic from the family of graded stakes winners Dark Nile and Thatlookonyerface. The juvenile filly's third dam is graded winner Old Goat.

It was the third time the Tonalist filly was sent through the sales ring. She brought $175,000 as a weanling at Fasig-Tipton Kentucky's marquee November sale, and then as a yearling at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga select sale, where Quarter Pole Enterprises was top bidder at $200,000.

Three of the five regional-bred juveniles at Fasig-Tipton sold, each bringing $300,000 or more. The first in the ring was a Pennsylvania-bred fillly by Speightstown bred by Blackstone Farm out of stakes-placed Bella Traviata, who brought $375,000. Two hips later, a filly by Into Mischief bred by the late Bill Backer in Virginia, out of his graded stakes-winning stakes producer Blind Date, sold for $300,000.

The Ocala Breeders' Sales Company selected 2-year-olds in training sale March 12-13 saw a West Virginia-bred filly by Orb bring $250,000. Initially sold for $75,000 as a yearling at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July sale, the filly now named Ocala was bred by Jim Miller out of the More Than Ready mare Rebalite, also the dam of $748,000-earner and track record setter Race Day, winner of three graded stakes including the Oaklawn Handicap-G2. Four of the seven Mid-Atlantic-breds sold at the Ocala sale brought six figures.

The only Mid-Atlantic juvenile offered April 9 at Keeneland's revived spring sale was a filly by Grade 1-winning 2-year-old and first-year sire Competitive Edge. A $65,000 RNA at Fasig-Tipton Midlantic's fall yearling sale, the Pennsylvania-bred filly was knocked down for $235,000. Breeders Steven and Jane Long had purchased her dam Lefreakcestchic for $14,000 at Fasig-Tipton Kentucky's 2017 February winter mixed sale with the filly in utero.

Six-figure Mid-Atlantic-bred juveniles (with breeder, consignor and buyer):

Road to Success. *Santa Anita Derby-G1 winner Roadster (bred in Kentucky by Stone Farm) is the result of decades of Edward P. Evans' breeding program–sire Quality Road, broodmare sire Silver Ghost, and his first four dams–Ghost Dancing, Ransom Dance, Grade 1 winner Dance Teacher and Intentional Move–were all bred by Evans at Spring Hill Farm in Virginia. Stakes winner Ghost Dancing was sold at the Evans' dispersal in November 2011 for $220,000 carrying Grade 1 stakes winner Ascend (by Candy Ride-Arg). It was 10 years ago that Quality Road made his own bid for the Triple Crown for Evans, winning the Grade 2 Fountain of Youth Stakes and Grade 1 Florida Derby but missing the classics when sidelined by a quarter crack.*

FASIG-TIPTON FLORIDA

$450,000. Ch.f., Tonalist—Windy Forecast, by Stormy Atlantic (Md.); R.S. Evans; Eddie Woods Agent XXVIII; Bridlewood Farm and Eclipse Thoroughbreds.

$375,000. Dk.b./br.f., Speightstown—Bella Traviata, by Indian Charlie (Pa.); Blackstone Farm LLC; Hidden Brook Agent I; Ryotokuji Kenji Holdings.

$300,000. B.f., Into Mischief—Blind Date, by Not For Love (Va.); William M. Backer Revocable Trust; Crupi's New Castle Farm agent; Kingsport Farm, Empire Thoroughbreds LLC agent.

OCALA BREEDERS' SALES

$250,000. OCALA, dk.b./br.f., Orb—Rebalite, by More Than Ready (W.Va.); James Franklin Miller; S B M Training and Sales, agent V; Deuce Greathouse, agent.

$200,000. REPLICANT, ch.c., Super Saver—Return the Jewel, by Broken Vow (Pa.); Blackstone Farm LLC; Pick View LLC, Agent I; Susan Moulton, Gary Contessa, agent.

$125,000. Ch.c., Malibu Moon—Five Star Dream, by Two Punch (Md.); CandyLand Farm; Cary Frommer LLC, Agent I; Brendan Heeney, Agt.

$110,000. B.f., Tiznow—Skipstone, by Montbrook (Va.); Morgan's Ford Farm and Tiznow Syndicate; S G V Thoroughbreds LLC; Jim Thares, Jack Goldthorpe, agent.

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$235,000. LE COMPETITION, dk.b./br.f., Competitive Edge—Lefreakcestchic, by Bellamy Road (Pa.); Steven Long and Jane Long; Kirkwood Stables, agent IX; Larry Hirsch, Shepherd Equine Advisers, agent.

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Santa Anita situation underlines need for crisis response protocols

Abridged article by Frank Vespe, posted April 3 in Breaking, Business, Opinion, Regionwide, Top Stories.
Read the article in its entirety at TheRacingBiz.com.

The slow-motion disaster at Santa Anita Park—where the deaths of 22 horses led to the weeks-long cessation of racing, only to have a 23rd horse die on the first weekend of its resumption—is many things to many people. A tragedy to the connections of the horse who died. A nightmare to the California Thoroughbred industry. An opportunity for organizations like—strange bedfellows, these—People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and The Jockey Club to score political points.

For the rest of the nation's racing states? They need to treat this as an object lesson, and one part of their response should be to create a crisis response protocol: a defined set of steps to follow whenever such a situation arises.

We know Santa Anita isn't the first track to suffer a spike in fatalities, and it won't be the last. Laurel Park suffered one, albeit to a lesser extent, a few years back, and a couple of years before that was Aqueduct's turn in the barrel. And now there are emergent questions about safety at Churchill Downs. That's to name just a few.

In our fraught media environment, with a public that often toggles between being indifferent to and outraged at racing, each spike poses some level of existential threat to the Thoroughbred industry. Think that's overdramatic? Try telling that to Ringling Brothers Circus, or the dozens of dog tracks that have been shuttered as a result of greyhound racing's having been outlawed in numerous states. "It can't happen here" sounds good right up until the moment that it happens here.

If there's a common thread among prior breakdown spikes, it's that the industry's initial response has been too late, too slow, and too defensive.

One of the clearest lessons from Santa Anita and earlier tragedies is that the moment the headlines hit the mainstream media is already too late for the Thoroughbred industry. The narrative—that the tracks and horsemen are knowingly sending horses out to die—has already been written.

No amount of after-the-fact hand-wringing or policy wrangling can unwrite headlines like "Why have 21 horses died at a California racetrack since December?" as NPR asked mid-crisis, or "They killed yet another horse at Santa Anita," as deadspin.com noted.

For a crisis response protocol to work, then, it needs to kick in early—not just before the public becomes aware of a problem, but before anyone is sure there actually is a problem. The protocol should include defined actions that the stakeholders will take immediately. The protocol should also define a crisis response committee—including members and leadership—that forms as soon as the protocol kicks in.

While the committee's work is important, equally important—both in terms of its work product and in terms of public confidence—will be how it is formed and of whom it is composed. It is vital that the committee be a creation of, and accountable to, the state Racing Commission. In these situations, the simple fact is that the public does not find racetracks or horsemen credible; fairly or not, they are seen to be the problem, not the solution. The racing commission is best positioned to balance competing interests and to speak for the horses unable to speak for themselves.

At the same time, it is also critical that the committee not be composed simply of the usual suspects because that, too, would undermine public faith in its work. The group should include not just the track, horsemen, and Commission members but also outside veterinary and other experts. . . and as time goes on, [it] should also bring in other outside participants, including members of the betting public and advocates for animal welfare.

There will, of course, be challenges. But those challenges are surmountable, particularly given how very high the stakes are.

Ideally, the crisis response protocol will help tracks and commissions identify and correct issues before they turn into problems and thence disasters. Even when it doesn't prevent the development of the problem, though, a defined crisis response protocol would enable the industry to say something along the lines of, "The Racing Commission immediately kicked in its crisis response, tested the track, improved pre-race examinations, and now is leading a group of experts investigating all of the data to determine root causes and the way forward."

And that sounds—and actually is—a lot better than waiting until the mainstream news gets a whiff of the story to take action.

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PETA-Stronach alliance spurs questions, concern: The alliance between PETA and The Stronach Group, building for five years, has some in the industry worrying about what happens after Santa Anita. Teresa Genaro reports.

Laurel "Super Track" funding bill dies over Pimlico dispute: On the final day of the 2019 legislative session, the Maryland General Assembly spiked a bill that would have helped fund the proposed Laurel Park "super track" and revitalized Bowie Training Center. Vespe provides coverage.

Trainer Lawrence hopes innovative procedure gets Glorious Empire back on track: Eclipse finalist Glorious Empire was injured at the end of 2018, but trainer Chuck Lawrence is hoping an innovative proecedure gets his star back in action, reports Doug McCoy.

Eastern jocks cast skeptical eye on proposed California whip rules: With new whip rules—and a whipless day of racing—under consideration in California, Maryland jockeys cast a skeptical eye westward., reports Vespe.

New agent, new venue have bug boy Julio Correa on track: Apprentice rider Julio Correa got off to a slow start in his career, but as McCoy reports, a new agent and a change of scenery seem to have worked wonders.

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The Christiana Stakes - Grade BT For Fillies 3 Year Olds	1 mile & 1/16 (Turf)	June 19	$50,000	June 8	FREE
THE DELAWARE OAKS - Grade III For Fillies 3 Year Olds	1 mile & 1/16	July 6	$300,000	June 22	$200
The Carl Hanford Memorial Stakes - Grade BT 3 Year Olds & Upward	1 mile & 1/16	July 6	$50,000	June 24	FREE
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The Kent Stakes - Grade III For 3 Year Olds	1 mile & 1/8 (Turf)	July 6	$200,000	June 24	$200
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The Small Wonder Ⓓ * For Fillies-2 Year Olds	5 1/2 furlongs	Sept 28	$100,000	Sept 14	$200
The New Castle Ⓓ * For 3 Year Olds & Upward	6 furlongs	Sept 28	$100,000	Sept 14	$200
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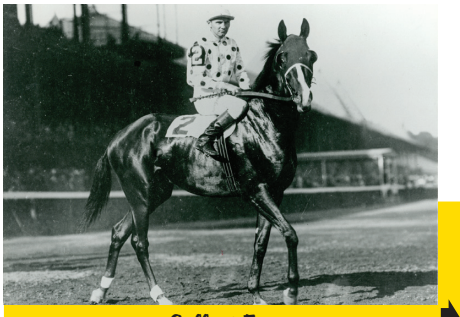

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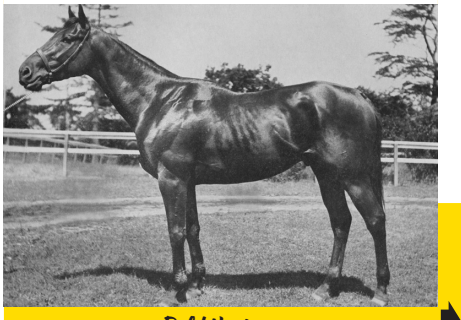

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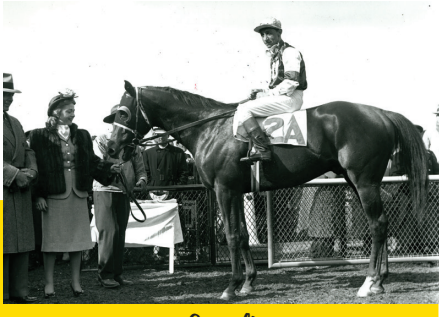

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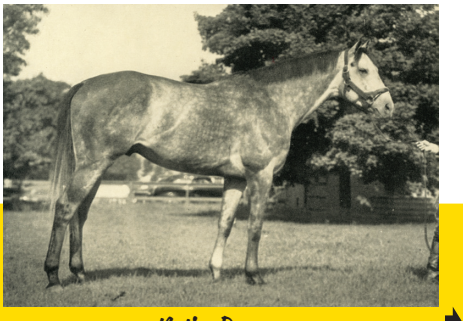


Native Dancer
1953

Kauai King
1966

For 10 Preakness winners, the apple didn't fall far from the tree. Winning a classic doesn't guarantee success as a sire, but the Preakness has produced its fair share of top sires, including these father-son Preakness-winning combinations.

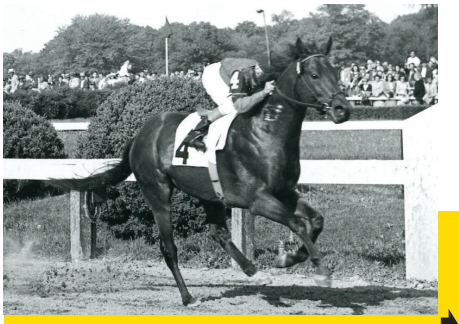
Man o' War ➡ War Admiral. Both campaigned by Samuel Riddle, Man o' War made his first start at 3 in the Preakness, which he won easily, after Riddle decided to bypass the Kentucky Derby when considering the distance too much to ask of a young horse. The owner's view changed 17 years later as War Admiral made four starts from April 14 to May 15 to kick off his undefeated sophomore season—an allowance and the Chesapeake Stakes at Havre de Grace, the Kentucky Derby and Preakness—then added the Belmont.

Gallant Fox ➡ Omaha. The only father-son Triple Crown winners, the runners from Maryland's famed Belair Stud were also the closest in age, a mere five years separating their accomplishments. Gallant Fox has the added distinction of being the only Triple Crown winner to compete in the Preakness before the Derby, taking the Maryland classic a week earlier. Omaha was from his sire's first crop.

Bold Venture ➡ Assault. The winning Preakness margins for this duo, each sent off as favorite after winning the Kentucky Derby, were a nose and a neck, respectively. The Preakness was Bold Venture's final start; Assault went on to win the Belmont Stakes and 11 other races while racing through age 7. He proved to be sub-fertile and had no registered Thoroughbred offspring.

Polynesian ➡ Native Dancer ➡ Kauai King. It would have been hard

Preakness winners



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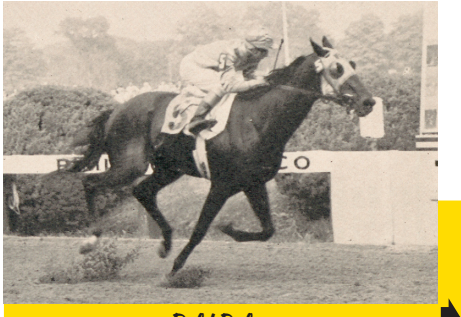

Bold Ruler
1957

Secretariat
1973

Risen Star
1988

Summer Squall
1990

Charismatic
1999

Curlin
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Exaggerator
2016

to imagine in 1945 that 12-1 longshot Polynesian would launch the first three-generation line of Preakness winners, and sire one of the most influential stallions in history in Native Dancer. Surprisingly, for all of Native Dancer's success, his only official classic winner was Kauai King.

Citation ➡ Fabius. The Calumet Farm colors of owners Warren and Lucille Wright graced the Preakness winner's circle seven times, aided by their Triple Crown winner Citation, who in his first crop sired Fabius, an easy winner over odds-on choice Needles in 1956.

Bold Ruler ➡ Secretariat ➡ Risen Star. The speedy Bold Ruler would lead the nation's sires list eight times, the final at age 19 when his greatest son won the Triple Crown. Secretariat was 18 when his son Risen Star – the only classic winner for the stallion – won the Preakness.

Summer Squall ➡ Charismatic. The royally-bred Summer Squall – by Storm Bird out of Secretariat's daughter Weekend Surprise – was a natural to be a sire, but his lone classic success came as a bit of a surprise with the emergence of Charismatic, a chestnut colt who was risked for a claiming tag early at 3 before winning the 1999 Kentucky Derby at 31-1 and Preakness at 8-1.

Curlin ➡ Exaggerator. The mighty Curlin got up at the wire to defeat Derby winner Street Sense in the Preakness. Curlin's son Exaggerator had a bit easier time in turning back Derby winner Nyquist, drawing clear to win by 3½ lengths.

– Cindy Deubler

PENSIONER ON PARADE by Maggie Kimmitt

Crandall

MAGGIE KIMMITT

"You're about to spend the next 15 minutes watching me try to catch this horse."

On cue, the dark bay mare lifted her head from the grass and walked off, a slightly miffed dowager duchess. Calm but determined, she kept what seemed a calculated distance between herself and the man with the halter and shank. He moved, she moved.

Crandall, the mare, couldn't have cared less that the man was the last jockey to ride Secretariat. It didn't matter to her that he was inducted into Thoroughbred racing's Hall of Fame in 2009. When she decided she was ready to be caught–and not a moment before–Crandall stood and allowed a now-smiling Eddie Maple to slip on her halter.

Maple is accustomed to the ballet. Now 29, Crandall was bred in Kentucky by Maple's wife, Kate, and fellow jockey Craig Perret – a daughter of Bet Twice and the Elocutionist mare Clamoring. Perret and Bet Twice were frequent headliners in 1987, primarily due to a rivalry with Chris McCarron and Alysheba. Bet Twice finished second to Alysheba in the Kentucky Derby and Preakness, but Bet Twice captured the Belmont Stakes and the Haskell Invitational.

Foaled on Feb. 14, 1990, Crandall was offered at the Keeneland September yearling sale in 1991 but was a $6,000 RNA. Perret consigned her to the Fasig-Tipton New York horses of racing age sale as a 2-year-old in August 1992. She sold to Leroy and Lucy Close, acquaintances of the Maples, for $34,000.

Running in Lucy Close's name, Crandall began her racing career as a 3-year-old at Belmont in May 1993 for trainer Evan Jackson with Eddie Maple in the irons. Her connections were patient. Transferred to the barn of Susan Duncan that July, Crandall finally broke her maiden courtesy of a disqualification in her 11th start, a $35,000 claiming race at Aqueduct Dec. 5, 1993. She was ridden again that day by Maple, aboard for 20 of her 24 lifetime starts.

Covering distances from 6 to 8½ furlongs on dirt and turf, Crandall raced at Aqueduct, Belmont and Saratoga, and once each at Meadowlands and Fair Grounds, before making her final start May 29, 1995. She had actually been retired at the end of 1994 and sent to Kentucky to become a broodmare, but Crandall had other ideas.

"She was sent to Gary Lavin's farm in Kentucky to be bred, because her mother had produced a stakes winner [Millers Stationery, by Quadratic]," Kate Maple said. "She hated it; she just walked the fence and lost a lot of weight. It was agreed that she wasn't going to be happy being a mother."

Crandall returned to Duncan's barn, making three starts in 1995–the first an allowance at Fair Grounds where she finished ninth. Back at Belmont Park two months later, she turned in similar lackluster performances in her next two starts. Scheduled to run again, she suffered a bout of tremors and shaking the morning of the race, prompting her connections to call it a career. She took with her statistics of 24-2-5-2 and $53,540 earned.

"That's when she became my pleasure horse," Kate said. "She was at a

crossroads. My husband allowed me to have her, and you should have seen me begging. I had always said in front of my sons, 'Oh, I wish I could ride again.' It had been like 30 years. They said, 'Oh Mom, please, if you wanted to ride, you would be riding.'"

Raised in New Jersey horse country, the former Kathryn Miller rode as a child, getting her first off-the-track Thoroughbred at age 13.

"He was a 3-year-old who proceeded to run away with me every single day. I showed him and hunted him, until he ran past the master of the hunt one day. I didn't know the difference."

After graduating college, Kate was prodded by her friend Andrea King to come to Monmouth Park to gallop racehorses for the summer. She met her husband–whom she calls "Maple"–while riding out for trainer Jimmy Croll.

"Jimmy Croll was a saint. He put up with me," she said. "He tried to explain to me how to use a cross [in the reins] so the horses wouldn't run away. And I just thought 'OK, yeah right, I'm gonna do that' . . . 'cause I was so smart."

Crandall retired to the Maples' home base on Long Island but traveled to Saratoga in the summer and Florida in the winter. Kate had a friend, Pam Levine, who brought her horse down each year as well.

"I'm not sure but I do think he was a Thoroughbred," she said. "He was a nice, nice stallion and Crandall loved him. She would do anything to follow Czar. She went over metal bridges; we went by the zoo in Homestead; it's different in Florida when you go on trails. You go through parking lots, across bridges. It's not like up north, but she'd go anyplace to follow him."

Twelve years ago, Eddie and Kate were set to purchase a farm in Bluffton, S.C. "Devastated" when the deal fell through, they followed a suggestion to look at Rose Hill Plantation, a gated community of nearly 1,000 homes just north of Hilton Head Island offering golf, tennis and an upscale 50-acre equestrian center.

"We looked at it, thought it would be nice for Crandall and our dogs, so we bought the house. The guy who was supposed to be running the barn was having a little trouble getting the lease. He thought it might help if he put Maple's name down. Maple said OK, and next thing you know, the guy got the lease and then he backed out."

So much for retirement. Eddie and Kate, as Equine Management LLC, now run Rose Hill Plantation Equestrian Center, offering public boarding services. And Crandall is queen of all she surveys. Turned out daily in a private paddock, she's outfitted with protective neoprene splint boots all around and bell boots on her front feet. She's brought back into her stall whenever she lets it be known that she's had enough of the great outdoors–most especially when the low country gnats and bugs start biting.

"She doesn't put up with much," Kate said. "She'll walk past the geldings and bare her teeth. But I always go back to how she has taken care of me for so long, and at times it was really necessary."

During a recent trim of Crandall's feet, the Maples' farrier reminded Kate that working on the mare isn't exactly the highlight of his day.

"He actually said, 'She's a roaring bitch.' And I said, 'I know. . . I know.' But I still hang birthday cards and a little crown on her stall door every year. She's spoiled, ya know."

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TOD MARKS

Spring brings hard news

It's May. How you doing? Can you keep up? Racing, like the world, seemed to be in a great big hurry during the first few months of 2019. News came quickly, and from everywhere.

Breakdowns at Santa Anita. Twenty-two horses died between Dec. 26 and March 14. Everyone in racing knows horses get hurt, but that's too many to find any comfort zone. The racing surface, the medication rules, the whips, pretty much everything took some blame for the fatalities. Track owner The Stronach Group halted racing, suspended workouts, studied the track, made a joint statement with the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals about use of the anti-bleeding medication Lasix, jockeys' whips and more. All of it wound up national news for a while. From here, it pointed out the glaring hole in the sport's makeup—no national voice, and no complete/verifiable/certain uniform best practices when it comes to horse welfare, care or treatment. That should change. Today.

Use of the whip and Lasix somehow got linked to breakdowns when, at best, they are loosely connected. Should jockeys hit horses less frequently? Yes. Should United States racing jurisdictions continue to take a harder look at Lasix. For sure. Line-in-the-sand bans will not work, however, so stop trying to draw them. Counsel jockeys on whip usage (and be prepared to penalize them in some form), card a whipless race or two to gauge reaction from horsemen and bettors. And new thinking about the whip should apply to everyone—the sales game, morning training sessions, jump racing (the training flat races and point-to-points on that circuit would be a good place to experiment), everybody. Find incremental steps with Lasix too: decrease the maximum allowable dosage, experiment with weight allowances for horses not racing on the medication, card periodic Lasix-free races. Then see where we are in six months or a year.

A racing bill to fund further improvements at Laurel Park and the rebirth of Bowie as a training center died in Maryland's legislature, at least in part because of the uncertainty surrounding the future of Pimlico Race Course. The bill took with it some funding for improvements at Timonium, which will have to wait for another year (at least). In this space, I've written that Pimlico should be saved. I've also paid credit to the Maryland Jockey Club for the improvements at Laurel. There's no easy answer and everyone has a point. But the risk is racing appears divided and dysfunctional to legislators and state government. That's a bad look, given that the industry receives some $70 million a year in slots subsidies for purses, breeder/owner bonuses and facility improvements. The next 12 months won't be easy.

Bisphosphonates became a thing. Maybe you'd never heard of the bone-growing medication before this year. I'm not sure I had. Maybe you're familiar with its use in horses (for navicular treatment mainly). Maybe you know it gets used in horses headed for the sales ring or racetrack. Definitely, you should think bisphosphonate use is a bad idea. For sure, the industry needs to find a way to test for and eliminate their usage.

Regional Thoroughbred stakeholders released a detailed plan to reduce equine fatalities on the racetrack. The document contains all kinds of good stuff, and—once again for our region—shows the whole industry how to do something.

The Association of Racing Commissioners International released a plethora of statements about a new chair (Dr. Corinne Sweeney of New Bolton Center), stricter penalties for drug violations, research projects, Lasix usage and so on. Bring all that, and more.

Every day, horses train, race, breed, foal, live, die in this region and others. They trust we're in charge and have their best interests in mind. Think about that. Every day. In the face of a storm, the show goes on.

The 144th Preakness runs this month—at Pimlico for now. Some 7,000 seats in the north end of the grandstand won't be occupied this year because they've been deemed unsafe, which just sounds like the beginning of a slow drip stating, "Pimlico is too far gone to host the Preakness anymore." My advice? Get there this year, enjoy it, remember your trip. Maybe scoop up a cup full of dirt or something as a souvenir.

Fasig-Tipton hosts its burgeoning 2-year-old sale at Timonium, Md., this month. The sale used to be an afterthought, a place people took horses who didn't fit at other sales. Now, it's a target, a goal, a must-attend event.

The venerable Fair Hill Races celebrate their 85th anniversary May 24-25 with two days of racing, a benefit party and a big look to the future. Founded by William duPont Jr., who built Delaware Park, the old course is scheduled to get a complete makeover this year—new turf course, grandstand, other facilities—with construction slated to begin in June. Backed by a joint partnership between the state of Maryland and a crossover non-profit called the Fair Hill Foundation, the place could be Kentucky Downs. And, for the non-racing people, the Kentucky Horse Park too. You should see it one more time as duPont meant it to be. Go racing.

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Searching for 'Diamonds'

Wycoffs of Philadelphia have mined claiming ranks for stakes success

By Jeff Lowe

Horses have been central to Kirk and Debra Wycoff's relationship, dating back almost 45 years to when they met as teenagers at a riding facility outside Philadelphia. In college, Kirk moonlighted briefly as a trainer at Penn National Race Course before embarking on a career in the banking industry in Philadelphia.

Today, the Wycoffs are immersed in the racing business again as owners and have brought their family along for the ride, with their son Jordan Wycoff serving as stable manager for Three Diamonds Farm, which posted stakes wins in three consecutive weekends in January and February, highlighted by Bigger Picture capturing the John B. Connally Turf Cup Stakes-G3 at Sam Houston Race Park for the third consecutive year.

Bigger Picture, an 8-year-old who gained his biggest win picture in the 2017 United Nations Stakes-G1 at Monmouth Park, embodies several key aspects of Three Diamonds' success, as the Wycoffs often utilize the claim box to acquire horses they suspect are cut out to do something different, like switch to turf or stretch out over longer distances. Jordan has been a driving force in identifying those opportunities, while his parents have drawn on their backgrounds in the equestrian and show horse world to try to extend their racehorses' careers. Bigger Picture was a $32,000 claim out of a 1-mile turf event in November 2015 at Aqueduct. After receiving that winter off, he registered four wins for his new owners in 2016, topped off by a triumph in the Red Smith Handicap-G3 over 11 furlongs at Aqueduct.

"Bigger Picture is very special," Kirk said. "He's the kind of horse that we look for and we really try to take good care of our turf horses as they get older in terms of spelling them, giving them a break of a few weeks or six weeks two or three times a year at Bluewater Farm in Kentucky. We think that is why they have lasted.

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Pennsylvania-based Kirk and Debra Wycoff (left) and son Jordan Wycoff (right) make up the Three Diamonds Farm Thoroughbred program.

"It really comes from our time in the show horse and jumping world, which is now approaching 45 years. Those horses tend to get sour going around a ring and jumping the same jumps. When a horse is mentally sour it tends to translate to poor physical well-being and poor physical performance. Show horses ship around and perform every week. We are in Wellington [Florida] and they can show three classes a week and then get a couple days off. We have taken to giving those horses time off in November and December and recognize how much better they come back the next year."

The Wycoffs missed seeing Bigger Picture's biggest score in person, as they were on a family vacation in Italy when he prevailed by a head in the United Nations at 10-1 with a perfectly timed rail rally underneath Monmouth legend Joe Bravo.

"It was 1 in the morning in Italy and were watching on an iPad in a hotel room," Wycoff said. "It is funny, it seems like with the nice horses, if you are planning to be there, they either don't make the race or don't run well. If you just go ahead with your family plans, sometimes that will happen where you miss seeing a big win. But, still, we got to experience that together. It was a great moment, no matter where we were.

"Our children are in their 30s so we do whatever we can for the family to be together. We are together a lot at Saratoga. Some or all will come to the Breeders' Cup and this year we will take quite a group to the Kentucky Derby. We expect to have three or four horses running that weekend. One of the goals in getting back into racing as owners was to do something that everyone enjoys doing together. My son likes it more than my two daughters. They always want to know why you don't win every stakes that you enter, but overall there is a good appreciation in my family for how difficult it is to win 50 races, which we did last year."

The Wycoffs took a break from racing for about 15 years until a friend of Kirk's bought a pair of 2-year-olds at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May sale in 2004 and asked about forming a partnership. Wycoff jumped in and his son, in high school at the time, also developed a strong interest that he quickly put into action during summer breaks from school, under the tutelage of Mike and Meg Levy in Central Kentucky. Mike Levy, a fellow Philadelphian, owns and operates Muirfield Equine Insurance. Together, the Levys own Bluewater Farm and Meg oversees Bluewater Sales.

"It didn't take long; my brain works a lot like my dad's," said Jordan. "In high school, I was supposed to go work at the bank but I didn't want to learn how to be a teller. My other option was from knowing the Levys pretty well. My father said, 'You've got to get another job besides caddying.' The Levys offered to let me stay at their place in Kentucky and learn the horse business. To my dad, that was better than being a caddy. I would drive to Kentucky for the summer and live with them and work for them. I got to learn the insurance side from Mike Levy and the horse side from Meg at Bluewater. They taught me the game in and out."

Jordan, who ultimately followed his father into the banking industry, looks for claiming prospects most every day, both for Three Diamonds and for a small stable in his own name, which has campaigned stakes winners Gianna's Dream and Desert Duchess with trainer Mike Maker. Gianna's Dream, a $25,000 claim at Saratoga in August 2016, happened to be an Oklahoma-bred, and Wycoff and Maker took full advantage, shipping her to Remington Park to win six stakes races, including three consecutive editions of the Oklahoma Classics Distaff Turf Stakes. She earned nearly $500,000 for Wycoff and a couple of friends and sold for $260,000 at the 2018 Keeneland November breeding stock sale.

"I claimed her because she was by Twirling Candy with some grass and stamina in her pedigree, and she had never gone more than 6 furlongs and never been on the turf," Jordan said. "I also knew she had some options from the Oklahoma-bred program."

One of the younger Wycoff's silent partners in Gianna's Dream and a few other horses is Dave Portnoy, the founder and president of Barstool Sports, a popular and often controversial website and podcast. Wycoff and Portnoy struck up a friendship a few years ago at Saratoga and decided to claim horses together.

"Our first horse together was Roman Approval, who, when we claimed him, was actually running on dirt against Bigger Picture before we got him," Wycoff said. "Dave and I became friends over time. We like to gamble and both love owning horses. Dave, me and my other partner try not to go a day without texting about something out there because we see it every year, horses that are claimed and go on to do big things.

"We wanted to stretch Roman Approval out on the turf and he never won a stakes race but he hit the board in a bunch of graded races for us. I love the numbers just like my dad does and we look at pedigrees pretty closely to try to find opportunities for a horse to improve. We try to claim young horses that are bred to do something that they are not doing. For instance, if they are not bred to run early and so they still are getting better, or they are bred to go farther or bred for the turf. More recently, the turf angle has gotten more difficult to do because turf racing has just exploded. You don't really find as many people dropping horses before they have tried turf. We look at a lot of pedigrees, like everyone else, but try to find fillies with filly siblings who could help their page, where maybe you don't do anything right but the sibling turns into a good horse, you have some residual value. You can also find geldings with big pedigrees to factor in even if it's no longer part of the value equation. Maybe, on pedigree, he was not supposed to get good until late at 3 or as a 4-year-old, you have that upside to consider."

Three Diamonds landed its first Grade 1 in 2012 with Next Question, who was based in Maryland with trainer Mike Trombetta and shipped to Toronto to upset the Nearctic Stakes at Woodbine in the horse's stakes debut. Three Diamonds won the Nearctic again in October 2018, this time as a Grade 2, with Hembree, whom Maker had claimed for $50,000 eight months earlier. Hembree went on to open his 2019 campaign with a victory in the El Prado Stakes Feb. 9 at Gulfstream Park.

Also in early 2019 at Gulfstream, the Maryland-bred multiple stakes winner I'm Betty G finished second for Three Diamonds and Maker in the Marshua's River Stakes-G3.

"We tend to retire all our filly stakes winners," Kirk said. "Go Noni Go won the [Grade 3] Bourbonette at Turfway last year. She'll be back to race this year and then she will be retired. By nature, it would be nice to have some homebreds to run. We ran our first two homebreds, Red Hot Dame and Empire of War, last year with Todd Pletcher and both broke their maidens and Empire of War won a stakes race at Aqueduct. The racing operation needs to have 40 horses in training and then 20 2-year-olds and 20 yearlings to give yourself, in our view, the right odds for success. We also are very active in Maryland- and Pennsylvania-breds because the racing programs and purses and breeders awards have been very good."

Last year, Three Diamonds bought the sales-topper at Fasig-Tipton Midlantic's fall yearling sale, going to $210,000 to land a Maryland-bred colt by Into Mischief from the consignment of CandyLand Farm while also spending $23,000 on a Pennsylvania-bred filly and $30,000 on a

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Top: Bigger Picture, returning after setting a course and stakes record in the 2017 Grade 1 United Nations Stakes at Monmouth Park, was a $32,000 claim for Three Diamonds Farm. The 8-year-old gelding has gone on to win $1,496,635. Bottom: Gianna's Dream earned more than $500,000, mostly for Jordan Wycoff and partners, before being sold for $260,000 at the 2018 Keeneland November sale.

New York-bred filly. Three Diamonds also bought a pair of 2-year-olds at Fasig-Tipton Midlantic's May sale in 2018—spending $100,000 on a New York-bred Violence filly from Cary Frommer and $50,000 on a New York-bred Blame colt from JVC Training and Sales.

"Not many owners attend as many Thoroughbred auctions as I do," Kirk said. "I like the horses, I like the consignors, the people at the auction companies and if you are going to do something right, you can't just rely on other people's advice. We are not in it to just spend money to buy a fast, expensive horse and hope they win a few big races. We love the game and the people are unique and interesting. People of all religions, colors and economic status come together in the horse industry. It's a great melting pot. My wife and I enjoy being at the barn at Saratoga as much as being at the races, taking the exercise riders or the trainers to dinner, going to the auctions."

Trombetta trained most of the Three Diamonds runners when Next Question was racing. The Wycoffs shifted to train-

ADAM COGLIANESE

JIM MCCUE

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Top: Maryland-bred Bonus Points wins the John B. Campbell at Laurel Park in February. Bottom: Maryland-bred champion I'm Betty G wins at Ellis Park in 2018.

ers in New York for several years before reuniting with Trombetta, sending a handful of horses to his base in Maryland.

"Kirk has grown his program and done very well; hats off to him," Trombetta said. "Like everyone else in this thing he is just trying to come up with nice horses he can have some fun with, and he has been doing that. He is a very knowledgeable horseman and very astute but he kind of lets us do our job and it is a seamless kind of thing. He knows where his horses belong and what they are worth and for the most part we are on the same page."

Bonus Points was only worth $6,500 when Three Diamonds snatched him as a weanling at the 2014 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December mixed sale but he has earned more than $500,000 as a multiple stakes winner in Maryland, shipping down regularly from New York for Pletcher. The son of Majestic Warrior was a finalist for Maryland-bred Horse of the Year in 2017 when he won the Parx Derby and Maryland Million Classic Stakes. In 2018, his two victories came in allowance company at Laurel, but he returned there Feb. 16 and came away with a neck victory in the $100,000 John B. Campbell Stakes under Feargal Lynch.

"Bonus Points is a horse we couldn't get rid of," Jordan said. "We bought him cheap and couldn't sell him as a yearling or at the 2-year-old sales. He and Feargal Lynch get along so well. He is a tall horse and kind of lightly built so you have to space out his races. He just needs that long run and Feargal doesn't give up on him. You just never know in this game what these horses might turn into."

College Job

Though professionally he's gone far beyond the racetrack with a long career in banking—now as the managing partner of Patriot Financial Partners (a private equity firm that invests in community banks and other related companies), Kirk Wycoff was a trainer himself in 1987 and 1988.

That's right. While attending Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa., Wycoff started horses at Penn National and Philadelphia Park in his home state and the Marshfield Fair in Massachusetts.

His record:

1987: 13 starts, 3 wins, $9,309
1988: 7 starts, 1 win, $12,074

MONSTER MASH

Dark Bay or Brown Horse, 2009

	Awesome Again	Deputy Minister	Vice Regent Mint Copy
		Primal Force	Blushing Groom (Fr) Prime Prospect
Ghostzapper Bay, 2000	Baby Zip	Relaunch	In Reality Foggy Note
		Thirty Zip	Tri Jet Sailaway
	Crafty Prospector	Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native Gold Digger
		Real Crafty Lady	In Reality Princess Roycraft
Rose Frances Bay, 1998	Far Flying	Far North	Northern Dancer Fleur
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4	6	2	0	1	25,648
5	8	2	3	1	107,180
6	6	1	0	0	50,400
7	6	3	2	0	95,190
8	10	2	0	1	42,058
9	9	4	1	0	21,516
	47	14	6	3	$343,492

At 2, unraced.

At 4, won a race at Calder (1 1⁄16 mi., turf, defeating Grownmencry, etc.) and a maiden special at Calder (1 mi., turf, defeating My Name Is Jake, etc.).

At 5, won an allowance at Belmont Park (6 fur. in 1:09.73, by 2½ lengths over Round, Big Guy Ian, etc.) and a 5½ fur. race at Aqueduct (by 5 lengths over Make a Fortune, etc.).

At 6, won a race at Saratoga (7 fur. in 1:22.51, by 2¾ lengths over Comandante, Classic Salsa, Mordi's Miracle, etc.).

At 7, won a 6 fur. race at Saratoga (in 1:09.08, defeating Royal Saint, Brewing, etc.), a 6 fur. race at Finger Lakes (by 2½ lengths over Strueves Star, etc.) and a 6½ fur. race at Belmont (in 1:15.38, defeating Tairneach, etc.).

At 8, won two races at Aqueduct (6½ fur., defeating John's Island, Mighty Zealous, etc.; 6 fur., defeating Nonna's Boy, etc.).

At 9, won a 6 fur. race at Mountaineer (6 fur., by 2¼ lengths over Dude Cowboy, etc.), two 5 fur. races at Mountaineer (by 2¾ lengths over Shot for Shot, Ranson, etc.; defeating All About Ready, etc.) and a 5 fur. race at Mahoning Valley (by 2 lengths over Graduated, etc.).

STUD RECORD

MONSTER MASH enters stud in 2019.

MALE LINE

His sire, **GHOSTZAPPER,** horse of the year, champion older horse, stakes winner of 9 races, $3,446,120 in 11 starts, Breeders' Cup Classic-G1-ntr, Metropolitan H-G1, Vosburgh S-G1, Woodward S-G1, etc.

GHOSTZAPPER has sired 77 stakes winners, including:

SHAMAN GHOST: Champion 3-year-old colt in Canada, 8 wins, $3,859,311, Santa Anita H-G1, Woodward S-G1, Queen's Plate S, etc.

JUDY THE BEAUTY: Champion female sprinter, 7 wins, $1,815,922 in N.A. and France, Breeders' Cup Filly And Mare Sprint-G1, Madison S-G1, etc.

HOLY HELENA: Champion 3-year-old filly in Canada, 7 wins, $1,175,578 to 5, 2019, Sheepshead Bay S-G2, The Very One S-G3 twice, Queen's Plate S, etc.

HUNTERS BAY: Champion older horse in Canada, 6 wins, $611,091, Dominion Day S-G3, Eclipse S-G3, Woodbine Mile S-G1. Sire.

ZAPPER PIRATE: Champion imported 3-year-old filly in Mexico, 5 wins, $30,230, Clasico Diamante-G1, Clasico Esmeralda-G1, etc.

MORENO: 4 wins, $2,992,190, Whitney S-G1, etc.

PAULASSILVERLINING: 11 wins, $1,516,230, Madison S-G1, etc.

BETTER LUCKY: 6 wins, $1,278,950, First Lady S-G1, Matriarch S-G1, etc.

FEMALE LINE

ROSE FRANCES. 3 wins at 3, $83,086, Matchmaker Sprint S. Dam of 10 other foals, 7 to race, 3 winners—

Sea Level Drive (Malibu Moon). 4 wins, 2 to 4, $156,681, 2nd Pucker Up S-G3. Producer.

Cascade Rose (Giant's Causeway). Winner at 2, $32,098, 2nd Barbara Shinpoch S. Producer.

Honky Tonk Rose (Forest Wildcat). Dam of **Spirituality** (1 win, $43,150, 3rd Matron S-G3).

FAR FLYING. 8 wins, 3 to 5, $278,226, Busher H, Cedar Ridge S, 2nd Next Move H-G3, Affectionately H-G3, 3rd Mother Goose S-G1, Affectionately H-G3. Dam of 12 other foals, 9 to race, 7 winners, including—

DALHART. 6 wins, 2 to 4, $333,440, Rebel S-G3, Nashua S-G3, etc. Sire.

Double o' Slew. 3 wins at 3 and 6, $115,051, 3rd Louisiana Downs Budweiser Breeders' Cup S. Sire.

Fleet Marguerite. 2 wins at 3, $41,421. Dam of **FLAG OFFICER** (5 wins, $290,328 in Australia, Schweppes T.J. Smith Trophy, etc.), **STRATEGY** (10 wins, $186,454 in Macau, Macau Guineas-G2, etc.), **BLIMEY O'REILLY** (4 wins, $155,020 in Hong Kong and New Zealand, H.S. Dyke Waikato Guineas-G3). Granddam of **SANTA ANA LANE** (9 wins, $2,604,960 to 6, 2018, in Australia, Ubet Stradbroke H-G1, etc.), **DOUBLEMINT** (Glorious Goodwood Peninsula H-G2, etc. in South Africa), **PETALA** (Kenilworth Fillies Nursery-G3 in South Africa).

Garimpeiro. Placed at 2, $20,292 in France and U.S. Dam of **GERI** (9 wins, $1,707,980, Oaklawn H-G1, etc., sire), **A. P. ARROW** (5 wins, $1,463,887 in U.S. and U.A.E., Clark H-G2, etc., sire), **CLURE** (7 wins, $361,174 in France and U.S., San Matean H, sire), **ALMONSOON** (5 wins, $249,386, Omnibus S, etc.), **Stage Shy** (4 wins, $132,906 in U.S. and England, 3rd Carleton F. Burke H-G3), **Vindgari**, **Hellenistic**. Granddam of **SENOR FRIDAY** (4 wins, $69,602 to 3, 2019, Turf Paradise Derby, etc.), **Flashstorm** (3 wins, $261,819, 2nd Iowa Derby, etc., sire), **Plasma Beam** (13 wins, $189,755, 3rd Claiming Crown Express S).

Flying Minister. Placed at 4. Dam of **PLANETS ALIGNED** (9 wins, $399,298, AFLAC U.S. Championship Supreme Hurdle S-G1, etc.), **Charlie Whiskey**. Granddam of **LITTLE VIDALIA** (7 wins, $367,793, New Mexico Classic Cup Filly and Mare Sprint Championship S, etc.).

Shadow On the Moon. Unraced. Dam of **MY SPECIAL J'S** (2 wins, $156,781 in Ireland, U.S. and U.A.E., Keeneland Debutante S-G2, etc.), **The Program** (3 wins, $214,077, 3rd Sham S-G3). Granddam of **LINDA LINDA** (Alberto Solari Magnasco-G1, etc. in Chile), **ZURDA**, **Main Street**.

Dreamingatdaybreak. Unraced. Dam of **Comes the Dream** (7 wins, $332,807 to 8, 2018, 3rd Toronto Cup S), **Dreaminofthewin** (9 wins, $306,319, 2nd Smarty Jones S, etc.).

NALEES FLYING FLAG. Unraced. Half-sister to **NALEES FOLLY**, **NALEES MAN** (sire), **MENEVAL** (sire), **Nalees Knight**, **Nalees Rialto** (sire), **Nalee's Fantasy**, **Take Warning**, **Pretty Fancy**. Dam of 10 other foals, all to race, 7 winners, including—

SACAHUISTA. Champion 3-year-old filly, 6 wins at 2 and 3, $1,298,842, Breeders' Cup Distaff-G1, Spinster S-G1, etc. Dam of **EKRAAR** (8 wins, $1,353,014 in England, Hong Kong, Italy, U.A.E. and France, Gran Premio del Jockey Club-G1, etc., sire), **Hussonet** (leading sire in Chile). Granddam of **CRISTOBAL**, **Can't Remember**, **J K L's Legacy**.

Johns Treasure. 5 wins at 3 and 4, $304,436, 2nd Belmont S-G1, etc. Sire.

Letty's Pennant. 3 wins at 3, $48,100, 2nd Peach Blossom S. Dam of **R. ASSOCIATE** (9 wins, $293,711, Lieutenant Governors' H-G3, etc.), **Pennant Fever**. Granddam of **RAGING FEVER** (11 wins, $1,458,198, Frizette S-G1, Ogden Phipps H-G1, etc.), **STORMIN FEVER** (8 wins, $484,664, Sport Page H-G3, 2nd Vosburgh S-G1 twice, etc., sire), **ROARING FEVER** (sire). Granddam of **SECRET LIAISON**, **Drink a Toast**.

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Brother Love

New Jersey-bred sprinter delights connections with grit, success

By Linda Dougherty. Photographs by Nikki Sherman

It is nearly impossible to explain why some horses are born with the will to win, and others are not. Why, for instance, can a horse with a modest pedigree possess a determination far beyond that of the most royal blue-blood? Such is the case with the 6-year-old gelding Brother Chub, who has outrun his working-man's heritage since the beginning of his career.

Always a consistent performer, Brother Chub has taken his game to new heights after being claimed by the partnership of Kasey K Stable and Michael Day two years ago. Since they dropped the slip for $12,500, the New Jersey-bred son of Hey Chub has worn their silks in 25 races, winning 10 times and finishing second or third another 12 times, earning more than $340,000. And this year, through March 25, he's won three of five starts in starter allowance company, with two runner-up placings.

What makes Brother Chub's accomplishments even more amazing is that, immediately after the claim, it was apparent that something was terribly wrong. After some time and tender loving care, however, he returned better than ever, with his achievements of 2018—which included a victory in the John J. Reilly Handicap at Monmouth Park and a narrow neck loss in the Claiming Crown Express Stakes at Gulfstream Park—earning him the title of New Jersey-bred champion sprinter, as awarded by the New Jersey Horse Breeders Association.

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On a blustery March afternoon in trainer Michael Moore's Parx Racing barn, which faces one of the few grassy, open spaces at the far end of the stable area, Brother Chub was being feted by his adoring ownership group—Bob and Susan Krangel of Kasey K Racing, and Day. The dark bay clearly enjoyed the treats and attention, showing a personality that belied the competitive fire he unleashes on the racetrack.

"Look at him, he's one of the happiest horses I've ever had," said Bob Krangel. "And how many horses can finish first or second nearly every time they run? This is a horse that's happy all day long."

The Krangels, who live in Manalapan, N.J., and Day, who hails from Freehold, N.J., are longtime friends, and have tasted success before, in a big way. In 2011, they bought a horse named Afleet Again, and two months later he won the Grade 2, $500,000 Breeders' Cup Marathon at Churchill Downs.

"I started out in harness racing, actually, and my friend Bob here got me started in Thoroughbreds," said Day. "The second horse we owned, we won the Breeders' Cup. I thought, 'This is a great game!'"

While the excitement of winning a Breeders' Cup race lingers for the partners, their ownership of Afleet Again was brief. With Brother Chub, their enjoyment has been sustained since Aug. 8, 2017, the day he returned to the races after recovering from an injury.

The gelding is by the New Jersey stallion Hey Chub, a son of Carson City owned by the Joe-Dan Farm of former trainer Danny Lopez. Hey Chub had raced for Lopez and won two stakes at Monmouth Park, where he made the majority of his 36 starts. Once at stud, Hey Chub became somewhat of a local phenomenon, siring a string of hard-knocking, consistent, tough racehorses, mostly Joe-Dan homebreds, and many of whom were cleverly named using the word "Chub." There were Brother Chub's full-siblings Chublicious, Sassy Chub, Chub Scout and Double Chubble; as well as Cheddar Chub, Chubble Maker, What the Chub and Chubby Bub, to name but a few. Interestingly, Lopez announced that mares can be bred to Hey Chub during this season for no fee and, if the resulting foal is born in New Jersey, the breeder will

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Owners Bob Krangel (left) and Michael Day greet jockey Jose Ortiz after a win by Brother Chub at Monmouth Park last year. Right, trainer Michael Moore leads Brother Chub and exercise rider Carlos Cruz back from a gallop at Parx Racing.

receive $500, a rare incentive for a stallion whose average earnings per starter is nearly $100,000.

Brother Chub had been on Krangel's radar screen to claim since the beginning of 2017, when he was entered for $10,000 on New Year's Day at the Bensalem course.

"I'm retired, so I'm up every night looking for horses to claim," said Krangel. "But if I like something, obviously, I'll call Mike [Moore], and the good part about Mike is that he's the most honest person on the face of the earth. And if he doesn't like a horse, he'll say so. He'll watch replays, we'll watch replays, and we make the decision together."

After conferring with Moore, Krangel and Day decided to claim Brother Chub, but their initial attempt wasn't successful.

"We were outshook," recalled Krangel. "About two weeks later he ran back in an allowance race, and then was back in [March 7] for $12,500. That time, we won a two-way shake for him."

The partners' elation at becoming the new owners of Brother Chub was quickly tempered by the way he returned after the race.

"My first thought was, 'uh-oh,'" said Krangel.

"He came back very sore," said Moore, who is coming off a career year in 2018, with 34 wins and more than $1.2 million in purse earnings. "Immediately, I thought 'we're in trouble with this one.' A couple of days later, after the veterinarian looked at him, it turned out that he had a fractured pelvis, and despite that, he had run fourth that day. The vet said he needed 30 days of stall rest, and then 30 days in a round pen, before he could start back with light training. It was a small fracture, but he was very lame."

Brother Chub was sent to Sylmar Farm in Christiana, Pa., to recuperate. The sprawling facility, owned for many years by Betsy Houghton and her late husband Ronnie, offered a quiet atmosphere for the gelding's recovery.

"We're friends with Betsy Houghton, so we sent him there and let nature take its course," said Krangel. "Betsy said, 'He's the happiest living thing, it's like he always has a big smile on his face.'"

Added Day: "We knew we had to do the right thing by the horse. Bob and I always do what's best for our horses. With Brother Chub's injury, there was nothing else you could do."

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Time passed, and Brother Chub's fractured pelvis healed. He returned to Moore's barn and began to train again. His first race back was in a 5½-furlong waiver claiming race at Parx, in which he broke slowly but rallied mildly to be third. The partners were encouraged.

Five days later, Brother Chub shipped to Oceanport, N.J., where a New Jersey-bred allowance at Monmouth Park offered a purse of $50,176. And Brother Chub ran as if he'd never had an injury, nor time off. He rewarded Krangel and Day with a gritty score, in which he came three wide into the stretch to take a short lead, and then engaged in a duel to prevail at the wire by a head, in 1:10.12 for 6 furlongs.

Brother Chub finished out 2017 with two more wins and two seconds for the partners, and then embarked upon a stellar 2018 campaign of, which saw him finish first or second 11 times in 12 starts, winning four, and earning $168,095. His victories included the Reilly for Jersey-breds at Monmouth in late May (over Chublicious), and he finished a game second in

December in the Claiming Crown Express at Gulfstream, in which he missed by a neck to Appealing Future in a bulky field of 14.

Mention of the Claiming Crown brings groans from the Krangels and Day, who all agree that it was a very tough beat.

"One step past the wire, and we were the winner," said Day. "One more stride."

"In that race, he was way behind, you couldn't even see him at the top of the stretch," said Krangel. "But that's him–he knows where the finish line is."

At year's end, Brother Chub was christened champion New Jersey-bred sprinter in recognition for an outstanding season.

Brother Chub made his career debut for his breeder Lopez, winning two of his first six starts before getting claimed for $5,000 in September 2015. The horse won twice in 2016 for Law Legacy Stables before the New Year's Day 2017 claim and then the Kasey K/Day claim in March and a five-month break.

"We gave him the time he needed and he's been unbelievable," said Moore. "Right now, he's working on a streak–20 of his last 21 [since Oct. 14, 2017], first or second. You don't have horses do that. And of his nine wins during that streak, there's only been one time that he's won by more than a length. He's always a nose, a head, the most a neck, in front. He'll run by them, and then he'll hang there with them, but he won't draw away. It's like he knows he's got them beat, but he says, 'That's all right, I'll stay here right next to you.' "

Krangel puts the horse atop the stable's runners.

"As a matter of fact, Brother Chub is our all-time earnings leader, which includes Afleet Again, and another horse called Hello Lover," said Krangel.

Hello Lover, a Maryland-bred son of Not For Love who was claimed for $7,500 in January 2012, went on to win the Deputed Testamony Starter Handicap at Pimlico, as well as place in five more, including a pair of Grade 3 events, the Greenwood Cup Stakes at Parx and James Marvin Stakes at Saratoga.

Currently, Krangel and Day have several other talented runners wearing their silks, including homebred Goodonehoney, a 4-year-old daughter of Great Notion (co-owned with Final Turn Racing Stable) who won the Weber City Miss Stakes at Laurel Park last spring but was unplaced in the Grade 2 Black-Eyed Susan Stakes; Flashndynamite, another $7,500 claim who has annexed multiple starter allowance tests, and Double Chubble, a 3-year-old full-brother to Brother Chub, who won his career bow Feb. 5 at Parx.

Double Chubble, purchased at the 2017 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic fall yearling sale by Krangel for $9,500, was dismissed at 11-1 for his debut, but posted a half-length victory after rallying in deep stretch.

"We went into the race thinking he didn't have much of a chance, but he came from far back to win," said Krangel.

Sound familiar?

This year brings many opportunities for Brother Chub, especially since purse levels have skyrocketed at Monmouth Park thanks to sports betting revenue and a purse supplement approved by the state legislature.

"There's a couple of Jersey-bred stakes that we're pointing to," said Krangel. "Brother Chub just goes on and on and on. He's unbelievable. Michael [Moore] said the exercise rider came off him the other day, and after 25 races, he said, 'I think he's as good now as he's ever been.'"

"He's a very competitive horse," added Moore. "He runs well at every track you send him to–Monmouth, Laurel, Gulfstream, Parx. Some horses love to do this, they love to run and love their job. It's something that they're born with, you can't really explain it." ✹

TRF looks to expand role in Maryland

By Tom LaMarra

The Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation, launched more than 30 years ago, believes in second chances and is working to build upon its success with a program that links horses and humans to the benefit of both.

The TRF, which has a herd of about 650 horses at sanctuary farms and correctional facilities in the United States, is in the process of finding acreage in Maryland to provide a home for some members of its sanctuary herd. It has had a presence in Maryland since 2009, when one of its "Second Chances" farms became active at the Central Maryland Correctional Facility in Sykesville in Carroll County.

Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation held a meet and greet in March at Sagamore Farm to discuss expansion of the program in the region.

Accredited by the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance, the TRF in mid-March held a meet-and-greet at sprawling Sagamore Farm in Baltimore County to discuss the expanding Second Chances program as well as develop more relationships within the local equine community. The event also served as a platform to explain the value of the Maryland educational program managed by Sarah Stein, who has been involved with horses for most of her life.

There are six horses in the program at any given time, and they rotate among participating inmates on a monthly basis.

"This is a moment to celebrate but also recognize an opportunity for us to engage the Maryland horse community about what Sarah and these horses have been doing," said Kim Weir, director of major gifts and planned giving for the TRF. "The strategic goal is to move as many of the [TRF] horses into second-career programs. It is an efficient model and has amazing human impact."

Along with Wallkill (in New York) and the Maryland program, the TRF has Second Chances farms at Lowell Correctional Institution in Florida, Vandalia Correctional Center in Illinois, Blackburn Correctional Complex in Kentucky, James River Work Center in Virginia and Wateree River Correctional Institution in South Carolina. The organization has "farm partnerships" with Montpelier in Virginia, Healing Arenas in California and Saratoga Summer Farm in New York.

TRF literature states that former inmates who have worked with the horses have gone on to become productive, solid citizens and have cited the TRF program for their progress. The interaction between equine and human is a critical part of the program.

"The horses create a unique opportunity for the guys to develop a sense of relationship with another being – and themselves – without the baggage that another human brings to a relationship," Stein said. "The horses live in the present at all times, and are so sensitive, particularly the Thoroughbreds, to each of the students' energy. This sensitivity and living-in-the-moment environment encourages the students to take the time to really see themselves and how they interact with others.

"The horses provide a situation where the student can be aware of himself every minute that he is around the horse. In this way, the student can begin to practice what that feels like, to be so aware of himself and [the horse] next to him. I find these discoveries can help the guys see themselves in a different light, with a different perspective. Any time we are willing to see ourselves and others differently, we can create the opportunity for change."

The program has several volunteers, including a few with a history of horsemanship. Stein said some, including Katie Brown, are particularly effective at promoting the Second Chances program locally.

"One of my favorite parts is getting to interact with the guys," said Brown, who has worked at the Maryland facility for about three years. "Many of them never had anything to do with horses. This goes deeper than just working with horses because they will pick up an attitude and react accordingly. It doesn't take too long to see a transformation."

TRF officials said most of the Thoroughbreds in the organization's care suf-

fered career-ending injuries on the racetrack that make them suitable only for pasture retirement. But hundreds of TRF horses have successfully been retrained and adopted out to homes where they are pets, competition horses, part of mounted police units, or serve as equine-assisted therapy partners.

It's all part of an expanding network of organizations and farms in Maryland and other states that focus solely on finding homes and developing second careers for retired racehorses.

"Aftercare is so important to us," said Jocelyn Brooks, chief of staff for Sagamore Racing. "We have a program in-house and we are supportive of other programs in the community."

Jessica Hammond, administrator for Maryland's Beyond the Wire program and the counselor for the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, said Second Chances is an important part of the aftercare network.

"It's a fantastic program from my perspective as a counselor and social worker," Hammond said. "Any bona fide organization doing aftercare is doing something good."

And there is demand. Hammond noted that in the almost two years since its launch, Beyond the Wire, which is funded by multiple industry stakeholder groups in the racing and breeding industry, has had more than 170 horses go through its program. There are now eight TAA-accredited facilities that take retired equines from Beyond the Wire.

"It's growing," Hammond said. "One of our facilities, called After the Races, expanded its program to take more horses and moved from Pennsylvania to Maryland to a bigger farm."

Weir, based in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., but no stranger to Maryland and its horse industry, noted that roughly half of the TRF herd is 20 years old or older. That means many may not be suitable for second careers, but they can serve as "ambassadors" for the equine industry.

"Our focus is to take care of these animals for the rest of their lives," Weir said. "Our goal is to bring more of our horses to Maryland and make them a bit more accessible. We hope by late spring or early summer we will be introducing our first sanctuary farm in Maryland."

Stein touched on the need for a broad approach to aftercare. There isn't a more useful job for a horse that can't stay sound for training or pleasure riding than a therapeutic setting, she said, and though Second Chances isn't "deemed therapeutic in the traditional sense, many students in the program refer to the horses as healing and life-changing."

"I think Second Chances is a brilliant collaboration for Thoroughbred aftercare," Stein said. "Even the name of the program hits home with so many of the students. As a horsewoman, first and foremost, I feel so lucky that I have the privilege to work with both populations in the program, human and equine. The horses we have in the program have an amazing retirement, and I deeply believe that many of them know their second job as teachers, confidence-builders, ego-busters, testers, and best friends to the students.

"Much of the program is about learning to listen to the horse, ask the horse how we can make them more comfortable, and understand how our actions, thoughts, energy, breath, tension, sadness, frustration, joy, and fear is affecting them. Again, this provides the practice we can all take out into the world in our relationships with other humans."

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About Last Year

A look back at a few graduates from Timonium 2018

By Joe Clancy

With homage to VH1 and tired television ideas everywhere, we bring you "Where Are They Now?" Timonium edition. Last year's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-year-old sale produced a seven-figure sales-topper, gross receipts of more than $24 million and plenty of other virtual fireworks in the ring.

But what happened? Where are the 333 horses who changed hands now? Finding them all would be akin to locating every last blade of grass on the Colonial Downs turf course, but we found more than a few to highlight.

The $1.2 million sales-topper drew comparisons to a certain basketball star while strutting around Timonium and working a furlong in :10.1 as Hip 565 and part of the Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds consignment. New owner Phoenix Thoroughbreds named the bay colt Lebron J, but like his namesake things didn't go exactly to plan in California. LeBron James didn't make the playoff with the Lakers, and Lebron J has yet to make it to the races.

Purchased by Dennis O'Neill, the Medaglia d'Oro colt was progressing steadily last summer and drew raves from his early training with O'Neill's brother Doug at Santa Anita and Del Mar. Like many 2-year-olds, he missed time with shins, spent time on the farm and could get a second chance as a 3-year-old perhaps in Dubai according to Dennis O'Neill.

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Pennsylvania-bred Call Paul, who sold for $210,000 last year, heads to the post at Saratoga.

"Just when you think you've got things figured out, they change," said Dennis O'Neill in April. "He was going along pretty well, but they've been patient and we'll see. Hopefully, he gets another chance. Everybody wants to win the Derby and things, but sometimes you get one that's a little later developing."

Marylander Michael Lund Petersen and agent Donato Lanni bought two of the three highest-priced horses at the sale, and got two winners. Tale of the Union, a $925,000 Union Rags colt from Bobby Dodd's consignment, won his debut for trainer Bob Baffert in August but has not raced since. Mucho Gusto, a $625,000 Mucho Macho Man colt sold by Kirkwood Stables, blossomed into a graded stakes winner for Baffert. Last year, the chestnut won his debut and the Bob Hope Stakes-G3, and finished second to stablemate Improbable in the Cash Call Futurity-G1 at Los Alamitos in November. This year, Mucho Gusto opened with a win in the Robert Lewis-G3 and was third in the Sunland Park Derby-G3. He was on the worktab in early April and could yet be a player in the 3-year-old division.

As usual, Pennsylvania buyer Chuck Zacney was busy at Timonium—coming away with eight horses. An Into Mischief colt purchased for $340,000 was named Maximus Mischief, whose career began with three wins including Aqueduct's Remsen Stakes-G2. As a 3-year-old, his only start resulted in a third in the Fasig-Tipton Holy Bull-G2 and a trip to the sidelines with an injury. Zacney and trainer Butch Reid were hopeful of a summer/fall comeback.

Before Maximus Mischief and Mucho Gusto, the real noise from the 2018 sale came from Call Paul. A $210,000 purchase by Gary Young for Michael Dubb and trainer Jason Servis, the Pennsylvania-bred won his debut at Delaware Park in July, added the Saratoga Special-G2 in August, finished third in the Champagne-G1 and Nashua-G3 in New York before wrapping up a strong juvenile season with a win in the Pennsylvania Nursery at Parx Racing. This year, the bay son of Friesan Fire won the Swale Stakes-G3 at Gulfstream Park and was third in the Bay Shore-G3 at Aqueduct. With $396,920 earned, he's already a success for breeders Beasie Patterson and Vicky Schowe and could make an impact in the 3-year-old sprint division.

Vying for attention at the top of the list of graduates is Concrete Rose. Bought for $61,000 by David Ingordo from the first consignment (ever) of White Pine

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Top: Maximus Mischief went from Timonium to Grade 2 winner for buyer Chuck Zacney. Bottom: Owned by Marylander Michael Lund Petersen, California-based graded stakes winner Mucho Gusto was the fourth-highest priced horse at the May sale in 2018.

Thoroughbreds, the Twirling Candy filly won her first two starts including Keeneland's Jessamine Stakes-G2, took part in the Breeders' Cup and opened 2019 with a win in the Florida Oaks-G3 for Ashbrook Farm and BBN Racing. The Kentucky-bred was 3-for-4 lifetime with $266,750 in earnings through April 11.

Traveling, a Tale of the Cat colt purchased for $200,000, became the first winner for trainer Cherie DeVaux (former chief assistant to Eclipse Award winner Chad Brown) with a score at Gulfstream Park March 29.

Our Super Freak is in the running for bargain of the sale. Bought for $17,000 by trainer Jamie Ness, the Mineshaft filly won twice as a 2-year-old last October and has since placed in four stakes at Laurel Park—the Smart Halo, Gin Talking, Wide Country and Beyond the Wire. Consigned by All Dreams Equine, the Kentucky-bred has earned $113,180.

Maryland-bred My Star Potential brought $50,000 at the sale, and rewarded buyer Valter Ramos' Euro Stable with two wins from three starts in 2018. Consigned by Cary Frommer, the daughter of Tritap

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Concrete Rose bounded out of Timonium to win a Grade 2 stakes at Keeneland, and earn a spot in the Breeders' Cup in 2018. She added the Florida Oaks-G3 in March.

capped the campaign with a win in the Maryland Million Lassie at Laurel Park for trainer Claudio Gonzalez.

And if you're looking for something a bit different, Bodexpress finished second in the Florida Derby-G1—as a maiden—to push his earnings to $208,700 and potentially earn a spot in the Kentucky Derby-G1 starting gate. The Bodemeister colt was a $37,000 RNA for consignor Brick City Thoroughbreds and races for trainer Gustavo Delgado.

Numbers

The sale's median price was $38,000 and the horse who hit that number was named Forest Park. Bred in Pennsylvania by Blackstone Farm, the now gelded son of Bodemeister won a $25,000 maiden claimer at Tampa Bay Downs in January in his debut. He's been fifth and third in two starts since for owners Harry Hoglander and Josie Gump and trainer William Sienkewicz.

The average price worked out to be $74,680, a little too specific for an exact match in the ring, but three $75,000 purchases are making impacts. Gigging, a son of Afleet Alex, won a $40,000 maiden claimer at Oaklawn Park in February for trainer Chris Hartman and owners John Stephen Holmes and Jerry McClanahan. Quality Road filly Q Go Girl has won twice for Rags Racing Stable and trainer Paul Holthus, has made three stakes starts and had earnings of $82,950 through April 10. Mimi and Charley, an as yet unraced daughter of Creative Cause purchased by BSW Bloodstock, was breezing at Fair Hill Training Center.

The least expensive horse sold at the sale changed hands for $1,500, but the least expensive horse to actually win (through April 11) was $4,000 purchase Oceano Rosso. The filly by Can the Man won a $20,000 maiden claimer at Parx last year for Big Red Stable and trainer Greg Sacco. Not to be outdone, $5,000 purchase Strong Ties (a Fed Biz filly) won at Charles Town March 22.

Trainer John Salzman Jr. has won two races with $10,000 purchase Caterina One. The Munnings filly won at Laurel Park in November and scored there again Jan. 6.

Names

Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred cannot take full credit for this, but in a post-sale interview Zacney called a Flat Out filly purchased for $125,000 "ripped." Of course, Zacney named her that. She's yet to start, but we're hopeful.

Owners John and Louis Cella came up with Incorrigible for their Into Mischief colt purchased for $215,000. Trained by Ron Moquett, the bay placed in two maiden races at Oaklawn Park this year.

A West Virginia-bred colt by Twirling Candy was dubbed The Creep (really) after selling for $80,000 to Dennis O'Neill. The Creep, bred by Buck Woodson, won twice as a juvenile for for Doug O'Neill and owner Alejandro Mercado, finished second in the Gold Rush Stakes at Golden Gate Fields and won at Golden Gate in March for new trainer Jonathan Wong.

Bridge to Brooklyn, a filly by Verrazano (of course) wound up at Penn National where she finished fourth twice as a 2-year-old and was second in March for owner/trainer Chuck Spina.

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Now is the time

First crops from regional stallions reach sales ring

By Joe Clancy

Finally. For three regional stallions, the waiting game is over. The first crops of Bourbon Courage, Golden Lad and Imagining are 2-year-olds and starting to show up in race programs and sales catalogs. It can be a crucial time for a new stallion.

"It's still wait and see, but we're getting close," said David Wade of Maryland's Northview Stallion Station, where Golden Lad stands. "You can say we're going to have some runners, and at least some more information about the horses. We've heard some really good things."

Across Cecil County in Port Deposit, Louis Merryman is getting similar reports about the 2-year-olds by Bourbon Courage and Imagining. Back in 2015, they helped launch Heritage Stallions in Chesapeake City. They bred their first mares there the following winter, outlasted their first home, moved to Merryman's Anchor and Hope Farm and have bred dozens of mares. But, it's been awhile.

"The 2-year-old pinhookers tell us they hate waiting 10 months to find out how they did and call us crazy because we've got to wait four years," said Merryman. "This year is really important to our horses, and to us."

Wade and Merryman talked in mid-April, on the verge of the region's first races for 2-year-olds, while taking a long look at the upcoming sale of 2-year-olds at Fasig-Tipton Midlantic in Timonium. The entries were out for Laurel Park's first two juvenile races, and Merryman's stallions were both represented.

All three of the Marylanders will be represented in the May 20-21 sale, which will include a catalog of roughly 600 horses. While the racetrack is the ultimate measuring stick for a stallion, the sales ring plays a big role.

"It's important because Timonium has turned into a major sale," said Wade. "It attracts everybody. Horses sell well there, they get nice horses in there. You hope some get in the hands of the big trainers and at the same time you hope some of the better trainers in the region get a chance to buy them too. That's important and helps you showcase a [stallion] a little bit, and it's really important for the breeders. The breeders that sell want to see their horses stay in the region because of the breeder bonuses."

A strong early showing from Golden Lad will bridge the gap to established sire and farm leader Great Notion.

"Whenever you're getting toward the end of the career for a stallion you've had

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Sale horses by first-crop sires include this colt by Golden Lad in the Cary Frommer consignment.

that excelled in the region like we did with Not For Love and like we're doing with Great Notion, it's really cool to see something coming along too," said Wade. "You hope it all turns out."

For Anchor and Hope, that becomes even more important as—unlike Northview—there are no established sires in the barn. They're all new.

"You go into this knowing you have to wait," said Merryman's wife Grace. "We got some early encouraging news, got some good feedback at the yearling sale, but now it's the culmination. It's starting to happen. We fully admit that we're biased, but we love our horses. We just need a chance to see what they can do."

Timonium consignor Cary Frommer was originally aiming 2-year-olds by all three Maryland rookies to the sale, but her Bourbon Courage colt performed so well in a win at the Aiken Trials that he sold privately. Her 22-horse consignment includes two each by Golden Lad and Imagining. All four are Maryland-breds.

A Golden Lad—Silver Ashlee colt (Hip 470) commands attention.

"He's just the bomb," said Frommer, who paid $50,000 for the colt out of Dark Hollow Farm's Timonium yearling consignment last year. Frommer wasn't looking for Golden Lads, but was won over by the son of Medaglia d'Oro.

"I wasn't that familiar with Golden Lad last year, but I really like what I've seen," Frommer said. "I even bred a mare to him because of what I've got in my barn."

Frommer also brings an Imagining colt (a $17,000 yearling purchase by Melvin St. Clair) out of stakes producer Merriweather and an Imagining colt out of She's Scary.

"They're both real nice too," said Frommer. "I'm excited about them. Timonium suits all of my horses well, and the sale is a good place to bring horses by young sires."

Like Frommer, Pennsylvania-based consignor Clovis Crane aims a big group (32) to Timonium and has three representing the new stallions. A Bourbon Courage colt, out of Crossing Again, was making good impressions despite a relatively modest $7,000 price tag.

"Man oh man has he grown up," said Crane, who had put two 3-furlong breezes into the horse by mid-April. "He's a nice horse and he's massive."

Two Golden Lads—a colt out of Lizzie's Legend and a filly out of Rhythm In Shoes—join the squad. Both were purchased as yearlings by leading regional owner Joe Besecker.

"The Golden Lads are going to be really quick and precocious," Crane said. "Mine are going well, and I've sent several of them to trainers at Laurel and I expect them to pop off early."

Justin Wojczynski of Kentucky's White Pine Thoroughbreds pinhooks a $50,000 Imagining yearling filly to the sale and likes what he sees.

"She's pretty level-headed, and acts like a filly that wants to be a racehorse," he said. "Are they going to know who this first-year stallion is? That was in back of my mind when I bought her, but I don't think he needs any introduction. He was an accomplished racehorse. He might not come to your mind right away with Liam's Map and Honor Code and some of the others, but you're always hopeful with a horse by a first-year stallion."

At least one Golden Lad has already been on a Maryland racetrack as consignor Courtney Young of C and C Stables moved her four-horse Timonium consignment into Pimlico Race Course in February. The group is coming along, but the Golden Lad colt out of Stuttgart attracts attention.

"You take notice of him wherever he is," said Young of the $34,000 yearling purchase. "I had to take my time with him because he just needed me to go at a slower pace and it's really paid off. He's blossoming in all ways, shapes and forms."

Hidden Brook's consignment includes a bit of regional royalty as a colt by Bourbon Courage out of Maryland-bred champion Jazzy Idea will step into the ring as Hip 220. A $22,000 yearling purchase at Timonium in 2018, the bay colt is a May foal which put him a little behind schedule at the Florida farm but he's all caught up.

"He's really coming around, and he's matured since we bought him and growing up," said Hidden Brook's Mark Roberts, who had four Bourbon Courage 2-year-olds in his string. "I like them, quite a bit actually. We'll see, but they all seem to be pretty forward. They have great minds, they're very athletic and they act like they're fast. I really like what I've seen of them."

The locals aren't the only freshmen sires represented at Timonium this month, as Triple Crown winner American Pharoah casts a long shadow with his first crop. Once the hammer falls on Hip 52 (the first of eight in the sale), she will become the first son or daughter of a Triple Crown winner to sell at Timonium since the Seattle Slew broodmare Seattle Christmas in 2009. She brought $5,200. The 2019 figures for the American Pharoahs should be considerably more as a colt out of Grade 2 winner Spice Island went for $1.65 million in March.

Top Line Sales has an American Pharoah filly in its consignment. Bred by Team Block, the chestnut is out of Grade 3 stakes winner Leading Astray and obviously pretty valuable but she gets treated like all the rest.

"She still goes outside in the paddock every day, every day until we ship," said Torie Gladwell, of Top Line. "We let them be horses. They get a couple bumps and bruises because of it, but we think it's good for them. She's going to really like that track there because she's normal-sized and well-proportioned, just a try-hard filly."

Others in the American Pharoah camp include a filly from the family of Mind Your Biscuits, a colt out of Grade 3 winner Hessonite, a filly out of a full-sister to Tapit (who cost $280,000 as a yearling), a filly out of the Grade 1-placed Bonnie Blue Flag, a filly out of stakes winner Stopshoppingdebbie, a filly out of Grade 3 winner Full Ransom and a colt out of the Tapit mare Our Love Tap (who brought $200,000 as a yearling).

NOTES: The first-crop sire list also includes horses by Maryland-bred The Big Beast, Competitive Edge, Tonalist, Liam's Map, Wicked Strong, Bayern, Mr Speaker, Honor Code, Palace Malice, Normandy Invasion, Lea, Commissioner, Palace, Daredevil, Carpe Diem and others. ✹

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Catalog Surfing

Two-year-olds of 2019 bring power to Timonium

By Joe Clancy. Photographs by Lydia A. Williams

Four years of million-dollar horses and gross sales of more than $20 million . . . Names, big names, on the roster of buyers and sellers . . . Seventy-nine horses selling for at least $100,000 in 2018 . . . Graduates such as Call Paul, Army Mule, Concrete Rose and Fourstar Crook.

Fasig-Tipton Midlantic's May 2-year-old sale in Timonium, Md., used to be an overachiever, the little guy in the equation alongside bigger names in Florida and Kentucky. Consignors used to take horses to early-season sales, and save Timonium as the back-up plan. Miss some training? Have a bad work? Failed to attract the right attention? You could always go to Timonium.

No more.

This year's sale–set for May 20-21 with workouts May 14-16–topped out at 600 horses. Or at least the mid-April catalog. It'll change a little for sure, might include an addendum and could have been even larger if the stable area could accommodate more horses more peacefully.

Timonium, home to the Maryland State Fair and a short race meet in the summer and scads of other weekend shows/conventions/sales/exhibitions the rest of the year, has shoved its way into the 2-year-old sales picture despite its location far north of most consignors, a unique 5-furlong track and a reputation that time may have passed the old racetrack by.

But it works.

"The biggest thing about that sale is there's more middle there than anywhere," said Mark Roberts, of consignor Hidden Brook. "Guys are looking for horses. They're eager to buy horses, racehorses, there. It's a great spot to sell a horse."

Despite its length and "bullring" reputation, the track is also an asset. First, it's dirt. Second, it's used sparingly. Third, it's well-maintained. Early dates in Florida are at Gulfstream Park, where the track has been use daily for training and racing all winter, and the Ocala Breeders Sales Company's synthetic track.

"The track is always in great shape, I love the dirt," said buyer Dennis O'Neill, who bought the sales topper last year. "Sometimes you can get a little fooled with synthetic track. There's nothing wrong with it and it's not the times at all, we are absolutely looking at the stride. To me, the stride's a little easier to see on a dirt track."

Consignor Michelle Hemingway sees that stride from the other side, but agreed.

"You get a true racetrack," she said. "They don't run on it as much, and it doesn't get worked on as much. If you have a horse that's the right size [mainly, not too big], it's going to be more honest than any other track."

With 600 horses, it's impossible to check in on them all, but we took an advance look at the catalog and talked to a handful of consignors about their strings. Call it a stable tour though, if you're shopping, you better take your own.

Winter Work

Consignor Courtney Young roughs it in Maryland for the winter, but has found a niche at the May sale thanks to a creative approach at Glengar Farm (once home to regional training power Henry Clark) and Pimlico Race Course. The work starts in the paddocks–bending, figure-eights, old-school stuff. Then it's hacking on the hills. Finally, in early February, it's Pimlico where the youngsters usually surprise their trainer with their fitness and maturity level.

"Every year, I hold my breath about them being fit before I get them to Pimlico and they all handle it fine," said Young, who used to work for major consignor Eddie Woods. "It was a different winter. We had rock-hard ground or a deep swamp of mud, but it worked out."

Young's 2019 group numbers four–colts by Gemologist, Maclean's Music and Golden Lad and a filly by Street Magician. They're as different as their sires.

The Golden Lad colt is the biggest, with some flash on three legs of a dark bay body. The Gemologist colt stays under the radar. He's bay, no white, nothing fancy. Put him on the racetrack, however, and he blooms. "I can do everything," Young said, paraphrasing her horse. "What do you want me to do? I like this."

The Maclean's Music colt is the "fancy pants" of the group. Mud wasn't his thing. Neither was frozen ground. He loves Pimlico, however, and has quickly made his presence felt. "He's done everything," Young said. "When you need him to step up to the plate he does. And I'm like, 'Please step up at Timonium.' "

The lone filly is the smallest, but more than holds her own. Young does most of the work herself, and frequently leads a 2-year-old while riding another. The filly handles both sides of that task. "She will tolerate a little bit of bumping into her, but she's like 'Don't push your luck.' She likes to dig in and fight with them when we work them together too." Bred by Tom

Maryland-based consignor Courtney Young puts her Golden Lad colt through his paces at Pimlico in April.

and Chris Bowman, the dark bay comes from a truly Maryland family. Her dam Phyxius was bred by trainer Dickie Small, and made 32 starts–earning $220,0146 with just three wins (but 20 seconds and thirds). She placed in several stakes and has produced six winners. Her sister Tookin Down won a Grade 3 for Small, earned $419,459 and produced 20-race winner Take Down Two.

"I really like the horses I've gotten off the Bowmans," said Young. "They're hardy. They're tough. She's out of an older mare, but that mare was really a good, hard-trying racehorse. The Bowmans breed sturdy horses that can run. I think she's going to show really nicely, she has a great attitude and really picks things up quickly."

Young appreciates the chance to sell horses in her home state, but also knows the drill. As the sale continues to improve in quality, small consignors have to prove they belong.

"I feel like I'm bringing four horses that deserve to be there," she said. "I'm not somebody who's been doing this forever or is selling million-dollar horses but I feel like I've made some good purchases and I don't think they're going to disappoint me. I'm bringing quality and that's what my goal is. It's just like racing, you cross your t's and dot your i's but at some point

it's out of your control a little bit and up to the horses."

Wash, Rinse, Repeat

Cary Frommer doesn't only buy and sell at Timonium, but she's partial to the sales venue—whether it's autumn for yearlings or May for 2-year-olds.

"I actually buy horses for Maryland now," she said. "That's not something I used to do. Sometimes, it's their date of birth. If you have a May foal, you don't have to go to an early sale. You can say, 'This'll be a horse who stands out in Maryland' and have all the time you need."

The Aiken, S.C.-based consignor plans to bring 22 to Timonium and they span all sides of the game—from $4,000 yearlings to half-brothers to hurdle winners to six-figure pinhooks. As Frommer put it, Timonium fits all of them.

"Wherever the buyers are, that's where the sellers are going to go," she said. "Every year it's producing good horses. That's where buyers are going to go to find those horses now. It's in a different part of country, the time of the Preakness, it's just kind of freaked on us a little."

Frommer spent $250,000 to buy Hip 555, a Malibu Moon colt, at Saratoga last summer and the chestnut heads to Timonium on an upswing. "I think he'll love it there," Frommer said. "He's really maturing nicely."

The consignment includes three Cairo Prince juveniles. Two, a filly out of Graceontour ($180,000) and a colt out of Severn Shore ($275,000), went unsold at Fasig-Tipton's Florida sale in March.

"That's such a select sale there and people either get on a horse or they don't," Frommer said. "I couldn't sell [future graded stakes winner] Maximus Mischief in Miami last year. I took him to Timonium and sold him for more than I wanted in Miami."

Pennsylvania Power

Pennsylvania horseman Clovis Crane did not send horses to Florida this year and put 32 horses in the Timonium catalog. The reason is personal. The early sales are during youth wrestling season and Crane's the coach.

"Last year at Gulfstream, my little girl and son were both in the league championships and I was sitting in my trailer in Florida," said the former college wrestler. "I couldn't help them at all from there, and I told myself I'd never miss it again."

It's not all half-nelsons and arm bars, though.

"That sale has done well, lots of good horses come out of there and buyers are going to be there so you don't have to go to other sales as much," said Crane. At some point over the winter, he was having second thoughts about the all-in strategy but got some advice.

"Clovis, stick to your plan," said Fasig-Tipton's Boyd Browning Jr. Crane pressed on, and prepped his 2-year-olds through a wet winter with help from his 20,000 square foot indoor arena, a farm training track with an uphill stretch and trips to nearby Penn National Race Course.

"I think I've done a better job," he said. "I went back to my roots for getting them a little further along than I had in the past. They're all gate-schooled, they're all going well. I've got a couple that are close to running, but I think I'll wait."

Crane's consignment includes a Street Sense colt who brought $110,000 as a weanling. Hip 546 was showing signs of being ready for a race, but his trainer backed off a bit and put it simply, "He can really run." Hip 587, a Broken Vow colt out of Winning Scoop, grew to 16.3 hands and was improving every day. "He walks like a mountain lion," Crane said. "Dressage people would drool to have him." The second career can wait though. Crane bought Hip 397, a Flatter colt, for $27,000 as a yearling from Claiborne Farm. The full-brother to Grade 3 winner Economic Model and stakes winner Your Love is a half-brother to two other stakes winners and seems to have enjoyed a winter of growth. "He breezed really fast the other day so I'm pretty excited about him," Crane said. "He has tons and tons of pedigree and would have been a Miami horse if I went there this year."

And then there's the white horse. Crane spent $7,500 to buy Hip 358 as a yearling and thinks the colt might be more than a conversation piece. First of all, he's by Lucky Pulpit (California Chrome, anyone?). Second, he's a New York-bred. Third, he's put together.

"He's the only white horse I've ever seen that's had a really good hip and looks fast," said Crane, who has owned two others and seen plenty. "He has a good engine, Lucky Pulpit we know can get a runner, and the New York-bred sure doesn't hurt with purses at Finger Lakes being increased. He's come along nicely and has been fun already. I've had 30 people ask about him."

The colt's dam Passionforfashion, a daughter of Old Fashioned, is registered as white as is her dam Turf Club. The latter is by Trust N Luck (chestnut) and out of the Gone West mare Deebrand (a dark bay).

From Kentucky with 2-year-olds

Last year at Timonium, consignor Justin Wojczynski sold (among others) future graded stakes winner Concrete Rose in the first sale under his White Pine Thoroughbreds banner after several years with Cary Frommer. Wojczynski returns with eight, this time from a new base in Kentucky.

"We braved the winter and got it done with no real problems," Wojczynski said.

At Crane Thoroughbreds in Pennsylvania, 2-year-olds by Broken Vow (right), Street Sense and Flatter climb the hill on the training track.

"We're glad it's spring time, but from my standpoint the track at The Thoroughbred Center [in Lexington] was very good. We had a few rough days ourselves, but the horses didn't seem to mind."

White Pine took three horses to the revived Keeneland Sale in April, but aimed the rest to Maryland. The group includes 2-year-olds by Orb, Twirling Candy, Jimmy Creed, Malibu Moon, Colonel John and Imagining. A Seville (Ger) filly owned by Maryland-based Wasabi Venture Stables, will meet White Pine in Timonium.

"The Orb (Hip 46) is a New York-bred and looks the part of an early 2-year-old," said Wojczynski. "He was going to Keeneland in April at one point, but I thought he might sell better with New York folks being more prevalent in the Mid-Atlantic marketplace."

White Pine's 2-year-olds share the training track at The Thoroughbred Center with a variety of racehorses and Wojczynski likes the experience his horses gain.

"I've got a Malibu Moon colt who breezed very well here the other day," said Wojczynski. "He's a big strong horse, and very level-headed. His professionalism will help him. You've got to be able to handle everything too and he does."

A Timonium Rookie

Michelle Hemingway brings her first consignment to Timonium, but is no stranger to the region as the daughter of former Mid-Atlantic trainer Clarke Whitaker. She has Virginia roots, rode hunters and jumpers, worked for Dale Jenkins and Lucy Walker at Montpelier and graduated from Sweet Briar College near

"I actually buy horses for Maryland now. That's not something I used to do."

– Consignor Cary Frommer, about bringing 2-year-olds to Timonium

Lynchburg. Her international equine business and marketing degree (with a Spanish minor) served her well while working with horses – first in South Africa and in the Ocala, Fla. area since 2008.

Her Hemingway Racing and Training business started in 2014, and she credited Fasig-Tipton with at least some of the momentum.

"Boyd Browning has been really great to me in getting me started," she said. "He helped me out, told me to come to Saratoga and look at some horses and allowed me to get going."

She entered 22 for Timonium, and got 12 slots. The group goes in all directions including a colt and a filly by Pioneerof the Nile, a filly by Maryland sire Friesan Fire, a Pennsylvania-bred colt by Carpe Diem and a Competitive Edge filly whose favorite person might be Hemingway's 8-year-old son Raymond.

"My business is still fledgling so I'm not in position to spend $300,000 on a yearling, because when you do that, sometimes you don't have a lot of room for improvement," she said. "If you're a smaller consignor, you don't want to get into that game too quickly."

In March at Ocala, Hemingway sold a Paynter colt for $150,000. He cost $1,900 as a weanling. She'll hope for similar success at Timonium, even if that's a difficult follow.

Hip 76, a Pioneerof the Nile colt, sold for $12,000 as a yearling and has impressed Hemingway with his development.

"Alex Payne at Taylor Made showed me the horse and said he's slipping in under the radar," Hemingway said. "I planned to pay 40 to 60. He's just blossomed into the most beautiful horse. He looks just like his sire. I'm really, really excited about him."

Breeder Fred Hertrich III sent Hemingway a Pioneerof the Nile filly whose family includes the sire Temple City and European star Maximova (Fr). The bay failed to sell as a yearling, but should attract attention at Timonium.

"She's a late May foal and was just small during the October sale and has just grown into beautiful filly who stands over a lot of ground and has a lot of stature," said Hemingway.

The Competitive Edge filly (Hip 160) will win you over in the shedrow, but she's got some talent too.

"She's the easiest horse to train, anybody can ride her and she's got the best personality," said Hemingway. "My kid plays with her like she was his pet. Put her on the racetrack though, and she's fast."

Big Names, Big Money?

Florida consignor Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds topped the sale at $1.2 million for a Medaglia d'Oro colt in 2018 and $1.5 million for a Curlin colt in 2017 and returns with a fleet for 2019. The group includes horses by American Pharoah, Bernardini, Bayern, War Front, Medaglia d'Oro, Pioneerof the Nile, Carpe Diem, Palace, Into Mischief, Honor Code, Justin Phillip, City Zip and Cairo Prince.

The pinhooker scoreboard watchers will be looking at Hip 17, a Bayern filly purchased for $600,000 at Fasig-Tipton Saratoga last year. The chestnut is out of American Story, whose three foals to race (all by Concord Point) include Grade 1 winner American Gal and stakes winner Americanize. Hip 243, a Medaglia d'Oro colt out of Grade 2 winner Laughing Lashes, brought $450,000 at Keeneland September while the two Pioneerof the Nile colts brought $300,000 each among a 14-horse consignment.

Second leading consignor by gross and third by average last year, Bobby Dodd put 27 in the catalog.

Eddie Woods will be busy thanks to a consignment that goes 28 deep. Hip 188, a colt by American Pharoah and out of major winner Hessonite. Woods' consignment includes three horses for Virginia's Daybreak Stables, a Congrats homebred colt, a Giant's Causeway filly whose female family extends to Hall of Famer Personal Ensign, and a homebred Alpha colt whose second dam Art Fan won stakes at Colonial Downs and Laurel Park for Bill Backer.

Hip 32 will get plenty of attention because of his sire Tapit, though his female family might be even more worthy of a look. Dam Assateague, racing for trainer Michael Matz, won twice at Saratoga and captured the 2014 Dr. James Penny Memorial-G3 at Parx Racing while earning just shy of $400,000. Her first foal sold for $825,000 as a 2-year-old in 2017. Others in the female family, the first few generations bred by Helen Alexander, Helen Groves and D.D. Matz, include stakes winner Amelia, Grade 3 winner Rainha Da Bateria, Grade 3 winner Kindergarten Kid and others. Follow that pedigree back – and off the catalog page – and there's Courtly Dee. A foal of 1968, by Never Bend out of the War Admiral mare Tulle, Courtly Dee was a claimer on the track but left a long legacy. Her early foals included Grade 1 winner Ali Oop, Grade 3 winner Native Courier and stakes winner Princess Oola. In 1980, Groves, Alexander and David Aykroyd bought the mare for $900,000 – and got a bargain. She produced five more stakes winners including champion Althea, and Grade 2 winners Aishah and Aquilegia. The 1983 Broodmare of the Year died in 1995 but her impact continues through her daughters and their daughters with major winners Balleto, Acoma, Arch, Aldiza, Atelier, Azzaam, Seattle Dawn, Green Desert and Bayern turning up in the pedigree.

Whew, feel free to read that paragraph again. Maybe take a nap afterward.

As Hip 32 proves, Timonium attracts all kinds. And two days after the Preakness, you can see for yourself. ✹

Big Numbers

Wave of success at May sale fuels optimism for Fasig-Tipton

By Tom Law. Photographs by Lydia A. Williams

Success breeds success. Sure it's an old and overused cliché. It's also pretty spot on when it comes to assessing Fasig-Tipton's outlook for business in Timonium in recent years at the Midlantic May sale of 2-year-olds in training.

The May sale, which saw total receipts reach $25.2 and $24.9 million the last two years, continues to fuel its success and is not only a destination for buyers but sellers. The 2019 sale will again feature a catalogue of 600 horses, essentially the most allowable given permanent and temporary stabling on the grounds.

"We're going to sound like a broken record here, but the quality is better than it's ever been," said Boyd Browning Jr., Fasig-Tipton president and chief executive officer. "The confidence consignors have to bring a nice horse to the Timonium sale continues to increase every year.

"We really couldn't be any more bullish or optimistic both about the upcoming sale in May and thrilled, truthfully, with the momentum with the overall marketplace that exists there in May. It's very, very positive."

History backs up that confidence.

The 2019 edition of the sale, conducted the Monday and Tuesday after Preakness Weekend May 20-21 with breeze shows scheduled for May 14-16, comes off four straight years when total receipts were $22 million or more, including the record $25,237,000 in 2017. The sale's average price hovered right around $75,000 the last two years and the high end of the market soared last year with the sale of a Medaglia d'Oro colt for $1.2 million and a Union Rags colt for $925,000.

The strength at the country's major 2-year-olds in training sales in early 2019 also provides further reason for Fasig-Tipton officials to feel optimistic.

Fasig-Tipton's Gulfstream sale saw increases in total, average and median. The market at the OBS March sale–which is a closer comparison to Midlantic May because of its size and multiple sessions–produced gains in total sales with slight drops in average and median.

Those two sales are conducted nearly two months before the May sale, however, and the later date often helps spark the market along with the location of the sale in the busy Mid-Atlantic region.

"It's the perfect scenario. We've seen the 2-year-old racing schedule in the U.S. kind of get pushed back a little bit, so the later date there helps," Browning said. "It helps from the maturity standpoint. For a lot of horses. Every horse has their best time for he or she to be sold and it's not one size fits all. It gives you the chance for a later-maturing horse, or a horse that was bought at a later date, or a horse that might have been a later ship-in during the breaking process, it gives you lots of options there.

"Then there's the geographic area that we're in. There's so much live racing within a 200-mile radius of Timonium, that's certainly attractive to a certain buyer pool. The great news is the sale is attracting buyers from all over the country. We had a strong representation from California, even seen folks from the Southwest in

recent years. Some years the Korean activity has been strong on an international basis. Maybe we'll be lucky and continue to attract another wild-card buyer or two that we don't know about right now."

Cover Girls, Boys

Graded stakes winner Mucho Gusto, the fourth-most-expensive horse sold in 2018, is one of 10 recent graduates on the cover of the 2019 catalogue, along with fellow 2018 graded stakes-winning juveniles Call Paul, Maximus Mischief and Concrete Rose. They're mixed in with Grade 1 winners Discreet Lover, Fourstar Crook and Secret Spice, the latter winner of the Grade 1 Beholder at Santa Anita March 30, along with America's Tale, Epical and Princess Warrior.

"We're very fortunate to have a catalogue cover full of quality runners throughout the United States; colts, fillies, young horses and older horses," Browning said. "It shows the quality of horses that are sold and being presented by our consignors at Timonium."

The success of the graduate list, which includes additional Grade 1 winners Army Mule, Bowies Hero and Lady Ivanka, and graded stakes winners Got Stormy, Kirby's Penny, Maraud, One Go All Go, Sandy'z Slew, Skyler's Scramjet and Switzerland, keeps buyers returning. The depth of the buying base keeps the confidence level high among consignors willing to bring quality horses every year.

The success of the May sale also led to an overflow of entries in recent years. Fasig-Tipton officials evaluate the prospects based on several factors that include pedigree and pinhooking prices, and discuss options with consignors to determine the final catalogue. As much as the sales company wants to make room for everyone, some horses get turned away.

"It's a quality problem to have, you wish you could accommodate everybody but it's not like we're turning away the majority of horses," Browning said. "We're still able to accommodate most everyone to a certain extent with the vast majority of their horses.

"For the most part the facility operates at or near capacity. We also have to think about the racetrack. It would be hard to put many more horses on there for an extended period of time. It's been a great racetrack. The Timonium crew does a fantastic job maintaining it and preparing it for the sale. It would be difficult to put a significantly larger number of horses on the track on a daily basis. We're pretty comfortable with the size of the sale."

Last year's sales topper at $1.2 million, a colt by Medaglia d'Oro, was the second highest-priced 2-year-old ever sold at Timonium. The record was set in 2017 when a Curlin colt brought $1.5 million.

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Coletti celebrates PTHA crowns for three members of stable

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Eddie Coletti capped off a career year by collecting three 2018 PTHA awards for his runners.

Longtime Parx Racing trainer Eddie Coletti Jr. enjoyed a night to remember as he collected three awards at the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association banquet March 27.

Coletti, who has been stabled on the Bensalem backstretch for several decades, was the conditioner of 2-year-old filly champion Tara's Talent, owned by Stony Brook Stables and bred in Pennsylvania by Glenn Brok; 3-year-old filly champion Dixie Serenade, owned by Uptowncharlybrown Stud and bred in Pennsylvania by Fantasy Lane Stable, and older filly or mare champion Zipper's Hero, owned by Mario Mangini and bred in Pennsylvania by Peter Giangiulio.

"To walk out of the banquet with three awards was a pretty amazing feat," said Coletti. "Of the three, Dixie Serenade was the biggest surprise, because she had some pretty stiff competition."

Dixie Serenade, a daughter of Uptowncharlybrown, who stands at the Broks' Diamond B Farm in Mohrsville, Pa., gave Coletti his first graded stakes victory in 2018. In early July, she upset a quality field in the $150,000 Victory Ride Stakes-G3 at Belmont Park, and placed in two other stakes. She completed the year with a record of seven starts, three wins, two seconds and a third, with earnings of $221,750.

Tara's Talent, a daughter of Talent Search, who also stands at Diamond B, was never off the board in six starts for Coletti, with her juvenile campaign featuring a placing in the $107,750 Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies Stakes at Penn National Race Course. A private purchase out of Diamond B's annual yearling open house by Stony Brook, the stablename of Gina Brooks, she's won $100,510.

Zipper's Hero captured the $120,000 Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial Stakes Sept. 1 at Parx, covering 6 furlongs in a fleet 1:09.96 in her stakes debut. The Pennsylvania-bred daughter of Giangiulio's Castle Rock Farm stallion Partner's Hero also won three allowances in 2018 to boost her career earnings over the $300,000 mark.

Fast forward to this year's racing action, and Coletti saddled a number of winners in March, most notably Edward and Gloria Bruzek's Smokinpaddylassie, who performed a frontrunning romp in a Pennsylvania-bred fillies and mares allowance March 16. The 4-year-old daughter of Paddy O'Prado, bred by Richard Simoff, improved to 5-for-11 with two seconds and a third for $225,190 in earnings.

"We wanted to get her back around two-turns," said Coletti. "And she gets really competitive when another horse comes alongside her. She's really nice to be around in the barn, but out on the track she trains hard."

Smokinpaddylassie won last year's Beyond the Wire Stakes in March at Laurel Park and placed in the New Start Stakes in June at Penn National.

■ Joe Besecker's Aztec Sense, undefeated in eight starts in 2018—four at Parx, including the Pa Derby Champion Stakes, Salvatore M. Debunda PTHA President's Cup Stakes and Turning for Home Handicap—was named Horse of the Year and Older Male at the PTHA banquet.

Other winners at the PTHA awards banquet were Cash is King and LC Racing's Maximus Mischief (2-year-old male); Swilcan Stable's Navy Commander (3-year-old male); Twinkling Star Stable's Champagne Chuck (claiming horse of the year and winningest horse—seven wins in 19 starts, all at Parx); Smart Angle's Wonderfully Tuned (outstanding claim of the year); Jann Hernandez (apprentice jockey); Frankie Pennington (leading jockey); Jagger Inc. and Top Notch Racing (tie—leading owner); John Servis (leading trainer); Howard Brown Jr. ("B" Division trainer; Top percentage with 50 to 150 starts and 15 or less stalls) and Michael Cox ("B" Division owner).

Special achievement awards were presented to Raymond Mamone's Imperial Hint, Trin-Brook Stables' Discreet Lover and DJ Stable and Cash is King's Jaywalk.

■ Winning the Medal, an 8-year-old Pennsylvania-bred son of Medallist, has started the year off right. He placed in a pair of rich allowances in January and February, and finally broke through to record his sixth lifetime victory March 12 in another allowance with a pot of $65,108, giving an outstanding performance and defeating several tough competitors in the process.

Rick Molineaux's homebred gelding overcame a slow start in the 6½-furlong test, as well as having to be taken up by jockey Wesley Torres, to nail the frontrunners in deep stretch and win by a length in 1:19.48. Finishing second was multiple allowance winner Midnightcharly, with New York shipper Driven to Compete third and stakes-placed runner Yeah Rocky fourth.

Winning the Medal himself is no stranger to success in stakes competition after winning back-to-back renewals of the Marshall Jenney Stakes at Parx in 2016 and 2017. The March 12 win pushed his lifetime earnings over the $400,000 mark.

Molineaux, who owns an auto repair business in New Jersey, noted that Winning the Medal had primarily raced on the turf early in his career, and that trying him on the dirt was an experiment.

Claimed by Joe Besecker for $12,500 in August 2017 at Parx, Aztec Sense has won 10 of 11 since, including six stakes, and was named the 2018 PTHA Horse of the Year and champion older male.

"We took a chance," said Molineaux. "I said, 'If he doesn't like it, I won't push him.' It turned out that he's good on dirt or turf. He likes to come from off the pace in his races; if he gets to the lead too soon, he loses interest. He really comes to life at the eighth pole, and it took us a while to get it right with him."

Molineaux described Winning the Medal, who is out of the Petionville mare Fountain, as standing close to 17 hands. Despite his size, he prefers the shorter distances.

Fountain, whom Molineaux does not own any longer, proved to be a good broodmare for him. She also produced Ricky's Lite, a son of Lite the Fuse who placed in the Marshall Jenney Handicap and earned $277,262, and Estradas Girl, who placed in the Power by Far Handicap and earned $549,854 in her 56-start career.

■ Parx Racing announced its 2019 stakes schedule March 21 and among the enhancements is a plan to restore Labor Day to its former glory. The program will be comprised of seven stakes, headlined by the $350,000 Smarty Jones. Also carded for that day are the $300,000 Turf Monster Stakes-G3, $150,000 Cathryn Sophia Stakes and four MATCH Series races.

In days of yore, Labor Day was the richest day of racing on the Bensalem calendar. It previously featured the Pennsylvania Derby complete with a parade down Street Road and widespread local television coverage. In order to make the Pennsylvania Derby a steppingstone toward the Breeders' Cup, the race was paired with the Cotillion Stakes on the same card in late September, and the result was that both races attracted top-notch fields and attained Grade 1 status.

The $1 million Pennsylvania Derby and $1 million Cotillion will be run Sept. 21, and will be complemented by the Grade 2 $300,000 Gallant Bob Stakes, $150,000 Parx Dirt Mile, $150,000 Turf Amazon and two Pennsylvania-bred stakes—the $100,000 Plum Pretty and $100,000 Alphabet Soup. ✹

That's a Wrap

Winter trainer, jockey titles go to Gonzalez, McCarthy

PHOTOS BY JIM MCCUE

Laurel Park lowered the curtain on its 46-day winter stand March 31, with jockey Trevor McCarthy and trainer Claudio Gonzalez formally claiming individual meet titles.

McCarthy, 24, finished with 53 victories, 26 more than runner-up Victor Carrasco. Maryland's leading rider in 2014 and 2016, McCarthy was also tops with more than $1.5 million in purse earnings in securing his second straight meet title and seventh overall.

"I'm really fortunate to become the leading rider again this meet. It means a lot to me and to my family," McCarthy said. "I want to thank my agent, Scotty Silver, and all the trainers and owners for riding me. Without the horses, we don't have racing and we don't have fun and we can't get in positions that we are. I'm very fortunate and blessed."

McCarthy's biggest victory came with Robert LaPenta and Harry Rosenblum's Uncontested in the $250,000 General George Stakes-G3 Feb. 16 for trainer Jenn Patterson. He also rode Uncontested to a runaway 5-length score in an allowance Dec. 23 at Laurel.

"I was so lucky to have Jenn give me the confidence to ride the horse, especially the first time when I rode him and then have the confidence again to put me on him in such a big, prestigious race," McCarthy said. "To win that race, it's always been such a huge bucket list for me ever since I came to Maryland."

McCarthy returned to Maryland full-time last fall after beginning 2018 on the New York circuit.

Gonzalez, 42, led all trainers with 40 wins including a stretch of seven consecutive victories over two racing days, March 17 and 22, and more than $1 million in purse earnings. Hugh McMahon finished second with 15 wins.

Maryland's leading trainer the past two years, Gonzalez has captured four straight meet titles at Laurel and six of the last seven dating back to the 2017 winter-spring stand. Overall, he owns nine meet championships.

"All the time, I say you have to put the horses in the right spot. My owners know when you put the horses in the right spot, you have a big chance to win races," Gonzalez said. "Everybody is happy. My team, they do all the hard work. Everybody sees my name and they see me, but behind the scenes everybody is working really hard."

Joe Besecker finished as the winter meet as leading owner with 20 wins and nearly $500,000 in purses earned.

■ Apprentice Julio Correa won three races March 29, the first hat trick for the 25-year-old's career.

Crystal Pier, owned and trained by Kieron Magee, completed the triple for Correa who also won races on River Sonata (trained by Mark Reid) and Last Love (William Komlo). A native of Puerto Rico, Correa made his United States debut last July at Parx and rode primarily there and Penn National since launching his career full-time in November. He picked up his first win Feb. 2 aboard Rings of Jupiter at Parx, and moved his tack to Maryland at the end of February.

Correa finished with 10 wins during the winter meet, from just 33 rides.

■ In March, the Stronach Group launched Hipica TV, a Spanish daily live show on company websites and youtube.com/hipicatv. The venture will show races, replays and offer handicapping selections for Gulfstream Park, Santa Anita Park, Laurel Park and Golden Gate Fields. During testing on the websites at Gulfstream and Laurel, Hipica TV reached an average of 76,000 unique viewers each week and nearly 800,000 total views during its first month. Along with live races, Hipica TV will also include live interviews, feature stories, and insights from four talented and respected hosts.

In 2006, Alfredo Alfonzo founded the popular VideoHipico, a website and social media agency dedicated to racing. The native of Venezuela is also a partner in My Social House, a digital marketing agency in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. He has handicapped Gulfstream's races for the Spanish audience for more than a year.

Juan Carlos Palma, also known "El Caribe Palma," is recognized as one of the most respected and successful handicappers in Latin America. Pedro Casella's race calls are some of the most exciting you will hear, rivaling Andres Cantor in the world of professional soccer. Claudia Spadaro, a native of Venezuela, grew up around horses. She holds a degree in public relations and broadcast journalism from the University of Miami and is fluent in English and Spanish. ✹

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Joys of Winning

Shes Julia Child rebounds from DQ with her own adjudicated victory

BY LINDA DOUGHERTY

Richard Bosshard and Cal Lin Racing's Shes Julia Child finished first in a rich allowance race in October at Penn National Race Course, only to be taken down by stewards for lugging in down the stretch, and subsequently placed fourth. That disqualification cost her owners $22,680, which really hurt their wallets.

"I watched the replay and honestly I didn't see a reason she should have come down," said Bosshard, the filly's breeder.

Fast forward five months later, and Shes Julia Child wound up on the receiving end of a disqualification. The evening of March 22 the daughter of Freedom Child had her momentum snuffed out near the sixteenth pole when an erratic Riva Belle bumped into Caramel Cream, who then knocked into Shes Julia Child, preventing both rivals from having a clear chance of winning the 1-mile allowance.

After taking some time to review the films, the stewards put up Shes Julia Child, awarding her a $20,160 payday – which nearly made up for the October financial hit.

"Right after the race, some friends were telling me, 'How's that for karma?'" said Bosshard.

The victory was the third for the Flint Stites-trained filly, who has cooked up earnings of $94,722 with the win.

Shes Julie Child is the second generation of her family campaigned by Bosshard, as he also owned her dam, Jolie's Julia, who won the Sonny Hine Stakes at Charles Town and earned $105,881. Jolie's Julia turned out to be a bargain for Bosshard, who bought her at the Keeneland September sale.

"I had looked at maybe 250 horses, when this filly by West by West came out of the barn," Bosshard said. "She was big and beautiful, and then my next thought was, 'Could I afford her?'"

Bosshard wound up the successful bidder on Jolie's Julia at $12,000, and she was turned over to longtime Penn National trainer Todd Beattie.

Bosshard kept her as a broodmare after her stakes-winning career. Her first foal was Westend Tiger, a son of Tiger Ridge who earned $113,584. Bred to Cactus Ridge, she produced 14-time winner Braulio the next year. Braulio, who earned $368,623, is one of the best runners bred by Bosshard. Jolie's Julia passed away, but her last foal is still doing the mare proud.

Earlier in March, Stites saddled Dr. Stephen and Debbie Jackson's Last True Love to a blowout victory in a 6-furlong allowance. A gray 4-year-old by Yes It's True out of the Silver Ghost mare Ghost of Love, Last True Love was challenged early by another Stites-trained filly, Flattering Ruby, but kicked away to a 4-length lead in midstretch, and won by 7.

Last True Love opened her sophomore campaign last year with a runner-up finish in the Marshua Stakes at Laurel Park, but overall was winless on the season.

In addition to the Penn allowance victory, Last True Love won a 7-furlong allowance at Charles Town March 27. She's won four of 15 starts and $125,620.

The Jacksons own Jackson Purchase Farm in Versailles, Ky., breeding a small number of foals each year for the sales ring and the racetrack.

Dr. Jackson earned a Ph.D in Equine Nutrition and Exercise Physiology at the University of Kentucky, where he subsequently became Extension Horse Specialist and then Associate Professor of Animal Science. He is a leading consultant in horse nutrition and management for major farms across the globe, and established his own company, Bluegrass Equine Nutrition, in 1996.

■ The hard-knocking Persie, owned by Bush Racing Stable, captured his first 2019 race at his home track March 29 with a gutsy nose score in a starter allowance at 1 mile and 70 yards, bringing his record this season to two starts, two wins. He began the year with a front-running tally in a similar contest at Laurel Jan. 24.

Racing just behind pacesetter Perfect Execution while four wide, Persie made his move in deep stretch, and then had enough left to hold back the rallying Bellows at the wire.

Persie not only garnered 2018 Horse of the Year honors at Penn National, but was voted Claiming Horse of the Year by the National HBPA. The 6-year-old gelded son of Street Sense was one of only five horses in the U.S. and Puerto Rico with 10 or more wins last year.

Bush Racing Stable, owned by Bryan and David Bushey, claimed Persie for $8,000 last May and turned him over to trainer Lester Stickler Jr. Persie won 10 times from 17 starts and earned $114,372. Overall, he has a record of 49 starts, 18 wins, six seconds and six thirds, and earnings of $248,402.

Bush Racing was the top owner at Penn National in 2018 with 29 wins and $417,555 in earnings, and an impressive 28 percent winning rate. Through the end of March, Bush was again atop the owner's standings, with nine wins from 20 starts. Stickler also enjoyed a fruitful beginning to 2019, saddling 11 winners from 36 starts.

■ In her 22-race career, Chevy to the Levy has done quite a bit of traveling, racing at tracks in the South and Midwest before arriving in the Ten Strike Racing barn of Marshall Gramm and Clay Sanders. The 5-year-old daughter of Macleans Music was a private buy by Ten Strike after a lackluster effort for a $5,000 tag at Churchill Downs last November, but she's 2-for-2 since arriving in trainer Juan Carlos Guerrero's Parx Racing barn. Chevy to the Levy won for $5,000 in January at Parx, then shipped to Grantville and came away with a victory in a starter allowance March 22.

Ten Strike was the leading owner at Parx in 2017 and was ranked 15th nationally. Last year the stable won 55 races overall and nearly $2 million in purses.

■ Apprentice Stephanie Sheroski scored her first win of year March 23 aboard the Craig Miller-trained Here Comes Gary. Sheroski, who carries a seven-pound weight allowance, typically rides at Presque Isle Downs when that meet opens in May.

Another female jockey who plied her trade at Penn National this winter is Helen Vanek, who was the 1998 Sovereign Award winner for top apprentice jockey in her native Canada. Vanek traditionally comes south to Grantville before going north to compete at Fort Erie and Woodbine. Vanek won a pair of races at Penn and another pair at Charles Town this winter. ✹

Off and Jumping

Fisher barn gets off to quick start as steeplechase season hits full stride

BY SEAN CLANCY. PHOTOGRAPHS BY TOD MARKS

The 2019 steeplechase season kicked off with its annual South Carolina opener at Aiken March 23, rolled through Camden for the Carolina Cup and was in high gear by mid-April. Mostly, people tried to keep up.

JUMP START

Champion trainer Jack Fisher won five races over the first four weekends of racing, including the Carolina Cup handicap hurdle with Ice It and an allowance hurdle with Storm Team at the Carolina Cup meet March 30.

Jack Doyle settled Ice It near the back of an eight-horse field, overcame traffic issues over the first couple of hurdles before gradually working his way through the field to reach contention heading down the backside the last time. Ice It split pacesetters Surprising Soul and Personal Start coming to the final hurdle, flew that one and scampered clear of Invocation (Fr) and Personal Start while winning by 6 lengths.

A son of Tapit, Ice It cost $310,000 as a weanling. He made two forgettable starts on the flat and wound up in Fisher's barn in 2015. Sent jumping for Dash Stable (Sheila Fisher and her father Rufus Williams, who died in September), the 7-year-old has earned nearly $300,000 over hurdles.

The Carolina Cup was re-engineered yet again—it's been a timber race, an open hurdle stakes and a novice hurdle stakes over the years—this time to a handicap hurdle for horses rated 130 and below. It drew five horses rated at the top and turned into a strong race just under the Grade 1 stakes category.

Described to Fisher as an overachiever among the likes of Grade 1 winners Scorpiancer (Ire), Mr. Hot Stuff and others, the trainer laughed.

"I think the people that paid $310,000 would call him an underachiever," the trainer said. "He wasn't an expensive horse

Once a $310,000 weanling, Ice It (left) powers to the front in the Carolina Cup handicap hurdle in March.

With a win at Aiken, Change of View got things started early for Pennsylvania trainer Kathy Neilson.

for us, we just took a shot with him, see what happens and he's been a really consistent fun horse to have in the barn."

Ice It was never supposed to be in Fisher's barn. His dam Spice Island earned $487,376 and won seven times including the Grade 2 Long Island Handicap. As a broodmare, she produced Grade 1 winner Ice Box in 2007 and sold (carrying Ice It) for $775,000 in 2012. Ice It raced just twice on the flat as a 2-year-old in 2014, and finished far back, for Bob LaPenta and trainer Graham Motion. By September of 2015, the gray Kentucky-bred was a hurdler with Fisher. He's won five of 20 over jumps, despite weathering a nine-race losing streak in 2017 and 2018. His family, including an American Pharoah colt out of Spice Island who sold for $1.65 million in March, continues to pursue more lofty goals.

Ice It emerged from the Carolina Cup with a chip off a sesamoid bone which required surgery. Fisher picked him up from Manor Equine April 16.

"No damage to the suspensory," Fisher said. "He should come back and be fine."

Fisher led Kathy Neilson by two wins in the early trainers' race, picking up his first five wins from just 13 starts. That kind of seasonal launch doesn't sound like anything special when you've been champion trainer 12 times. But, it's special compared to last year when Fisher limped to a 1-for-26 start.

"It ticked me off last year, just ticked me off," Fisher said. "I have no explanation for it."

Things came around, slowly, and he eked out a one-win decision over Ricky Hendriks for the championship last season.

As for this year, Fisher is looking forward.

"We're good now," he said. "We were lucky with the weather this year, but I have no explanation to this year's good start or last year's bad start."

As for last year's runner-up, Hendriks began this season with a bang, upsetting the Aiken feature with Indigo Heart but was 1-for-15 through the first four weekends.

"Oh, I don't feel as bad, I'm glad you told me that," Hendriks said, when reminded of Fisher's 1-for-26 start last year.

Things will surely heat up for Hendriks as he readies the likes of 3-year-old champion Caldbeck (GB) for the 4-year-old restricted hurdle at Fair Hill and Grade 1 winner Optimus Prime (Fr) for the David Semmes at the Virginia Gold Cup May 4. Iroquois winner Zanjabeel (GB) should return for the Grand National at Far Hills in October.

NORTHERN EXPOSURE

Trainer Kathy Neilson stayed north for the winter but was ready early, unleashing two winners at Aiken March 23 and another winner at the Carolina Cup a week later.

Neilson sent out the house horse, Soluble (Ger), to win the maiden at Aiken and also picked up a handicap hurdle with Change of View. Both winners were ridden by Sean McDermott. Change of View, a son of Bullet Train (GB) gave co-breeder

Aggressive (left) catches Demonstration in a strong maiden win at the Carolina Cup.

Cary Frommer a rare hurdle win–and in her home town.

"I wanted to get out early because not everybody else wants to go to Aiken, they're nice horses and they have conditions," Neilson said. "We had done it the year before so I had an idea we could pull it off again."

Sharp maiden Aggressive (Ire) scored in his American debut at the Carolina Cup. Owned by Irv Naylor and also ridden by McDermott, the 4-year-old rallied from well back to score by a length over Demonstration (Ire) and Snuggling. Purchased for $193,215 after a debut bumper win in England, Aggressive stamped himself as a horse to watch then and now.

"He's an elephant-size horse, he's so big, he has no idea how big and strong he is, he might as well think he's a Labrador puppy, he's a gentle giant," Neilson said. "He does everything you ask. We schooled him up as soon as he got over here, I was hoping he was going to be as good as the forecast was coming out of that sale."

FALSE START

Two-time champion jockey Darren Nagle broke his right tibia (when he got kicked by a horse while riding out in the morning) during the off season, missing early assignments, including winners aboard some of Jack Fisher's runners. Nagle piloted Ice It to a novice stakes win at Callaway Gardens to close out 2018 and surely missed out on winning the Carolina Cup aboard the gray gelding. Nagle hoped to be back in action by the Virginia Gold Cup May 4.

STILL CRAZY AFTER ALL THESE YEARS

Evergreen Richard Boucher began the season with back-to-back wins at Aiken and Carolina Cup. The venerable jockey guided Mason Lampton's Maccabee to a maiden claiming win (through disqualification) at Aiken and came right back to take another maiden claimer aboard Why Not Racing's Pamzine. Boucher and his wife, Lilith, produced both winners from their winter base in Camden.

"It's nice to be in South Carolina in January and February and show up with these maidens who can go out there and run and jump, you're only two or three weeks ahead of everybody else but that gives you just enough time to make the most out of it," Boucher said. "We have horses who were running on the flat and doing some jumping last year so all they had to do was come down here and get fine tuned."

Pamzine took a different route to her maiden win, producing a Great Notion colt last year. The son lives in Pennsylvania while the mother went back to work.

"We were going to breed her back but she didn't have a foal until the end of April, it was getting late so we thought we would give her some time, wean him and put her back into work," Boucher said. "She was holding milk for a long time, the vet said the best thing to do was put her back into training. It worked."

Boucher, who will be 53 May 4, has won 162 races from 2,381 races in a dual-purpose career that began in 1992.

"It has definitely changed, there's a lot of guys I don't even know, I feel like I'm a little bit of an outsider even though I'm part of the building blocks of what they're doing," Boucher said. "It may not be quite as thrilling for me as it used to be but it's still exciting to bring a horse like Pamzine, working her, jumping her, watching my kid jump her, going through the steps and putting her out there."

The Bouchers' daughter, Mell, helped school the two winners and has ridden some flat races and point-to-points this spring. Perhaps, the changing of the guard is near.

"I guess I'll wait until my kid says, 'That's all right, Dad, I'll ride.' She's doing well, she's learning. She wants to try," Boucher said. "As for me, well, I don't know what else I could do."

RIDER'S UP

Sean McDermott left his first-call assignment for Fisher after the 2018 season but hustled his way to a quick start to 2019. The Irish veteran picked up three winners for Neilson and one for Alicia Murphy to lead the standings after four weeks. Jack Doyle, first call jockey for Elizabeth Voss, took advantage of Nagle's injury and Voss' late start, to win three races for outside clients. Runner-up to Nagle last year, Doyle partnered Ice It for the first time to win the Carolina Cup, picked up an allowance win aboard Storm Team and guided Indigo Heart to win the Aiken feature over stablemate Barhanpour (Fr) and Hendriks' first-call jockey Ross Geraghty.

BLACKOUT DATES

An already thin spring calendar lost two meets as the Georgia Steeplechase and the Tryon Block House Races cancelled dates in April. The National Steeplechase Association audibled and hosted the Cup Runneth Over at the Springdale Racecourse, one week after the Carolina Cup. The Plan B meet attracted full fields for the replacement for the Georgia Steeplechase. A week later, the loss of Tryon Block House left

the My Lady's Manor timber card as the only meet of the weekend.

There was a time when the second Saturday in April presented a tough call for professional jockeys as they tried to choose between race meets. With an open day this year, former champion jockey Willie McCarthy helped on the My Lady's Manor broadcast a day before riding three races at the Loudoun Hunt Point-to-Point.

Tryon Block House postponed its meet until the fall because of off-season turf improvements while the Georgia Steeplechase hoped to return to the schedule next year.

STREAMING

For the first time, all steeplechase meets are scheduled to be streamed live on a new service created by the NSA and the Plaid Horse Network. Although technical difficulties have interrupted some of the broadcasts, the addition of live streaming has been a welcome addition to the sport.

"We contracted with Steve Hankin and the Plaid Horse Network to do the stewards' video and put up the videos, Steve realized that the only way that this can work on a scale that can be monetized is to do live streaming," NSA president Guy Torsilieri said. "Everybody thinks you're going to sit down in your chair on Sunday afternoon and watch it like you watched the Masters on CBS Sports. Well, it's not quite that easy. We believe it's a huge opportunity for steeplechasing, to grow our sport around the world. Is it perfect right now? No. Is it better than what we had last year? Yes."

Asked to deliver a message to the critics, Torsilieri didn't hesitate.

"Give it a chance," he said. "We're in week three, we just started this incredibly aggressive campaign. It's a three-year project. Be patient. Be patient. There is a huge opportunity here."

The live stream can be accessed via nationalsteeplechase.com

CUE THE BAND

Making his 42nd start over hurdles, Orchestra Leader upset the feature at Cup Runneth Over April 6. Racing for Team Ollie, trainer Jonathan Sheppard and jockey Keri Brion, the 10-year-old son of Van Nistelrooy backed off the pace for a change and skipped clear from Pik Em and Ack Feisty to collect his eighth win over hurdles and first since September 2017.

The dam of a yearling Great Notion colt, Pamzine (gray) skips over the last fence to win at Camden for 53-year-old jockey Richard Boucher.

Bred in Kentucky by Coolmore, Orchestra Leader began his journey under his breeder's overarching banner, winning one race from four starts before fetching £15,000 from Virginia-based Jimmy Day at Tattersalls Horses in Training Sale in 2011. Punching the clock in 2012, he's made at least five starts every season since, winning at least one race every season until 2018 when he went winless in six tries.

Originally owned by Bruce Smart Jr., Orchestra Leader was claimed by Hendriks in May 2017 and claimed back by Day and a new ownership group, originally called Small Giants and now respectfully Team Ollie four months later. And, oh what a team. In no particular order, the group includes Brion, Steve Voit, Kathryn Papp, Wendy Banks, Travis Banks, Arlene Hess, Johnny Eason, Megan Kiessling, Kim and Drew Takacs, Stacy Hindt, Melissa Herzog, Nadia Feldman and Sherry Fenwick. Smart was a member until he died last year.

Brion, assistant trainer for Sheppard, won three races on Orchestra Leader while trained by Day but decided to move the veteran to Sheppard's Pennsylvania base over the winter.

"I wasn't even sure what we were going to do with him. We foxhunted him all winter and I just kept saying we'd see how things went. He's in Jonathan's program now, and I'm not saying one's better than the other but the change I think has really helped him. We took the blinkers off. We put a bit in his mouth that I can hold him with," Brion said. "He's 10 years old, we needed to change it up a little bit. Jonathan said he can't be the bunny rabbit anymore. We went to the [Warrenton] point-to-point and said we were going to hold him up. I sat second behind Storm Team the whole way around, until we went to the front and won easy but it's a point-to-point, you don't really know."

The Cup Runneth Over wasn't a point-to-point, Orchestra Leader beat a solid group of mid-level hurdlers in an overfilled handicap hurdle for horses rated 115 and below. Rated 115 going in but getting a slight assist from Brion's 5-pound apprentice allowance, Orchestra Leader took over after 2 miles and held off a slew of challengers.

"He is on form. Jonathan laughs at me because obviously partial to him, but I've been saying for two months that I have never seen him in the form he's in right now," Brion said. "He's training with 50 other jumpers and he's happy. It's a change, it's something different. For a 10-year-old horse, it's got to be fun to do something different."

Orchestra Leader, who has won three on the flat, won for the eighth time in 42 starts over fences.

NOTES: May includes six stops on the NSA circuit. The Virginia Gold Cup (May 4) and Iroquois (May 11) get the most attention with rich stakes opportunities . . . Maryland's Fair Hill meet celebrates its 85th anniversary with two days of racing May 24 and 25. Construction on a complete overhaul of Fair Hill's turf course is schedule to start in June . . . Summer racing was slated for Monmouth Park June 21; Saratoga July 17, 24, 25, 31, and Aug. 7, 14, 21, 22, 28; Colonial Downs Aug. 10, 17, 24, 31 and Sept. 7. ■

The past is prologue

BY JOHN P. SPARKMAN

When I arrived at Johns Hopkins University in 1968, my first pilgrimage to an area horse farm was, naturally, to Sagamore Farm in the Worthington Valley just north of Baltimore. Sadly, I missed by less than a year getting to see the great Native Dancer, who had died the previous November, though his son Restless Native held court in his stead.

Less than 15 years later, I moved into Gallagher House on Russell Cave Pike, just north of Lexington, Ky., as general manager of William duPont III's Pillar Stud. Just adjacent to the house was a quaint, two-stall stallion barn, long unused, soon to be inhabited by my young children's ponies. Our neighbors across Russell Cave were Dan and Alice Scott, who had boarded Sagamore's mares going to Kentucky stallions for decades.

It was Dan who told the story of how Native Dancer came to be in the first place. His dam, Geisha, by Discovery, had been scheduled to return to the court of Questionnaire in 1949, but she absolutely refused to board the van to Greentree Stud, just a few miles away on Paris Pike. With the mare needing to be bred, Dan called her owner Alfred G. Vanderbilt and convinced him to allow Geisha to be walked across the street to Gallagher Farm, where Mrs. P.A.B. Widener's 1945 Preakness winner Polynesian occupied one of the stalls in that two-stall stallion barn.

The rest, as they say, is history.

As has been well documented, Sagamore was a 21st birthday gift to Alfred Vanderbilt from his mother, nee Margaret Emerson, daughter of the inventor of Bromo Seltzer. Vanderbilt sold the farm in the 1980s, but it survived the threat of development into suburban housing and was purchased in 2007 by Under Armour founder Kevin Plank.

During my years at Hopkins, I extended my horse farm horizons to Rokeby and Buckland in Virginia (which included a memorable encounter with a young Edward P. "Ned" Evans), as well as Robert Sterling Clark's establishment just across the road from Rokeby in Upperville. At that time, however, E.P. Taylor's American outpost near Chesapeake City on the Eastern Shore was hardly even a blip on the collective consciousness of the racing world.

Taylor had purchased the land for Windfields adjacent to Allaire duPont's Woodstock Farm in 1964 and syndicated Northern Dancer's sire Nearctic to stand at Woodstock in 1967. Two years later, with Northern Dancer's first crop of 21 foals including 10 stakes winners headed by champion Viceregal, One for All and True North, Taylor added the Windfields Stallion Division and moved Northern Dancer there to make it easier for American breeders to send mares to his court.

Thus, when I returned to Maryland in 1972, Northern Dancer was well-established as one of the world's best sires. After Northern Dancer's retirement in 1987 and the closure of Windfields Farm in Maryland, Richard Golden, Tom Bowman, and Allaire duPont bought the stallion division property and founded Northview Stallion Station, which remains the region's premier stallion farm.

The point of this nostalgic meandering through personal history is that we can never escape our history so we might as well make the best of it. We remember our past, and though, unlike Santayana, we wouldn't mind repeating the glorious portions of it, we cannot return to those increasingly misty days that shine only in our memories.

The large private horse farms that once flourished in Virginia are mostly gone. By contrast, in Pennsylvania, Mrs. Averell P.S. Walker and Marshall Jenney have been replaced by the likes of Betty Moran's Brushwood, George Strawbridge Jr. and Northview's Pennsylvania division where the region's perennial leading sire Jump Start stands. Of course, Moran's breeding program has wound down from its heyday and Strawbridge's mares now reside in Kentucky but the point remains the same that the Thoroughbred industry continues to remake itself.

In Maryland, Sagamore remains, as do long-lived establishments like the Pons family's Country Life, and the Boniface family's Bonita Farm. Fair Hill, which was mired in years of neglect during my two too-brief residences in Maryland, is now perhaps the premier off-track training center in the country. Pennsylvania's breeders' fund continues to pump much-needed cash into the industry.

My personal involvement in the Mid-Atlantic region is long in the rear-view mirror, but from the viewpoint of an affectionate outsider, some things seem clear. For the Mid-Atlantic region to thrive as a whole moving forward, the Pimlico/Preakness conundrum needs to be resolved, and the sooner the better. The last time I visited Pimlico for the Preakness, the electrical system for most of the grandstand failed, leaving fans sweltering in unseasonably warm weather, and that was more than 15 years ago.

Virginia needs to find a way forward. There may be no Paul Mellons, Thomas Mellon Evans, or Alice and James Mills to base their operations in Virginia, but that does not mean racing and breeding cannot thrive there under the proper conditions.

Historically, Virginia and Maryland have been the engine of the Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred industry. The land is still there. All we need is for its caretakers to find a way. ✹

Monster Mash joins West Virginia stallion roster

Dennis Bybee and Robert Laster are standing Monster Mash, a 10-year-old son of Hall of Famer Ghostzapper, at Bybee Road Farm on Avonwood in Charles Town, W.Va. Offered to approved mares only, his stud fee is $3,500.

A durable runner who campaigned seven seasons, Monster Mash earned $343,492 while racing up and down the east coast. A winner on turf and dirt, from 5 furlongs to 1 1/16 miles, Monster Mash recorded victories at Saratoga, Belmont Park, Aqueduct, Calder, Finger Lakes, Mountaineer and Mahoning Valley. "He was very fast," said Bybee, "and has tremendous speed in his pedigree."

His sire Ghostzapper was one of the most brilliant runners in recent decades, winning nine of 11 starts including the Breeders' Cup Classic-G1 and going short in the Vosburgh Stakes-G1 and Metropolitan Handicap-G1.

Monster Mash is out of Rose Frances, a stakes-winning sprinter by influential sprinter Crafty Prospector, one of Mr. Prospector's fastest sons. Rose Frances is also the dam of stakes-placed runners Sea Level Drive and Cascade Rose.

Second dam Far Flying is a stakes winner of $278,226 and Grade 1-placed who also produced Nashua Stakes-G3 and Rebel Stakes-G3 winner Dalhart. Far Flying is a half-sister to champion filly Sacahuista, Belmont Stakes-G1 runnerup Johns Treasure, and stakes-placed Letty's Pennant, the granddam of millionaire Raging Fever and graded stakes winner and champion sire Stormin Fever.

The family includes leading Chilean sire Hussonet, millionaire, Grade 1 winner and sire Geri, Italian classic winner Ekraar, Australian Group 1 winner Santa Ana Lane and Chilean Group 1 winner Linda Linda (Chi).

"He's a pretty horse," said Bybee, "and looks a lot like his sire. We'll have babies by him on the ground next spring so breeders will be able to see what he is producing."

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STALLION RANKINGS

Mid-Atlantic region leading sires in 2019

Top 65 stallions who currently stand or concluded their careers in Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia.
These statistics were supplied by The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc. (TJCIS). Exact date is at the discretion of TJCIS. †Denotes freshman sire.
The following statistics, compiled on April 2, reflect 2019 earnings for all countries in the Northern and Southern Hemisphere reported to TJCIS.

		Foals	Runners	Starts	Winners	Races Won	Leading Earner	Earnings	%Wnrs./ Runners	Avg./ Runner	Stakes Winners
1.	Jump Start (Pa)	1,406	94	245	18	23	Durkin's Call ($106,375)	$1,087,458	19	$11,569	4
2.	Fiber Sonde (WV)	241	61	141	28	42	Late Night Pow Wow ($210,000)	853,279	46	13,988	2
3.	Warrior's Reward (Pa)	507	111	292	29	33	Night Ops ($56,000)	802,097	26	7,226	0
4.	Great Notion (Md)	328	42	111	17	26	Anna's Bandit ($71,790)	663,445	40	15,796	2
5.	Friesan Fire (Md)	217	58	148	14	16	Call Paul ($87,420)	557,915	24	9,619	1
6.	El Padrino (deceased)	146	32	83	11	15	Promised Storm ($93,240)	520,482	34	16,265	0
7.	Not For Love (deceased)	975	34	102	15	17	Clubman ($70,422)	471,730	44	13,874	0
8.	Windsor Castle (WV)	361	61	178	20	23	V. I. P. Ticket ($55,420)	471,431	33	7,728	0
9.	Smarty Jones (Pa)	749	35	84	10	11	Ujjayi ($56,875)	344,269	29	9,836	1
10.	Freedom Child (Md)	63	23	54	9	9	Ja's Malibu ($53,064)	317,770	39	13,816	0
11.	Weigelia (Pa)	127	33	92	6	7	Chasing My Halo ($82,004)	309,318	18	9,373	0
12.	Rockport Harbor (deceased)	471	28	84	10	14	S W Briar Rose ($63,360)	294,432	36	10,515	0
13.	Charitable Man (deceased)	188	48	143	15	19	Charitable Gold ($31,310)	289,717	31	6,036	0
14.	Limehouse (WV)	460	44	109	11	12	Lymebyrd ($41,556)	287,826	25	6,542	0
15.	Hey Chub (NJ)	42	12	33	8	11	Izzadora Bella ($81,760)	258,627	67	21,552	0
16.	Crown of Thorns (Pa)	55	18	42	6	9	Crown and Sugar ($87,990)	250,725	33	13,929	1
17.	Redeemed (Md)	92	24	62	8	9	Saint Main Event ($47,180)	236,560	33	9,857	0
18.	Exclusive Quality (WV)	344	41	115	11	15	Fade Away ($26,503)	228,400	27	5,571	0
19.	Outflanker (Md)	567	20	54	8	9	Leap to Glory ($34,056)	214,084	40	10,704	0
20.	Silver Train (deceased)	539	29	74	6	7	Devine Dental ($43,350)	206,722	21	7,128	0
21.	Flashback (Pa)	143	29	63	7	7	Poker Game ($28,350)	202,762	24	6,992	0
22.	Orientate (pensioned)	845	30	67	9	12	Sonic Boom E Jet ($35,812)	201,360	30	6,712	0
23.	Seville (Ger) (deceased)	135	15	31	1	3	Las Setas ($149,640)	200,203	7	13,347	1
24.	Street Magician (Md)	135	21	53	6	6	Ollie's Papa's Boy ($28,020)	192,951	29	9,188	0
25.	Fairbanks (pensioned)	229	20	57	6	8	Jeezum Jim ($41,519)	160,487	30	8,024	0
26.	Despite the Odds (Md)	61	16	48	6	6	Bagels and Lox ($26,169)	160,415	38	10,026	0
27.	Denis of Cork (WV)	129	28	83	7	9	Cameron Street ($32,460)	158,476	25	5,660	0
28.	Mad Flatter (deceased)	48	16	39	6	8	Glowing Star ($40,907)	157,880	38	9,868	0
29.	Bandbox (Md)	57	10	20	4	4	Baptize the Boy ($42,960)	148,456	40	14,846	0
30.	Uptowncharlybrown (Pa)	38	9	20	3	4	Midnightcharly ($76,400)	141,833	33	15,759	0
31.	Tritap (deceased)	40	14	33	3	3	Ten Oaks Miss ($43,760)	141,567	21	10,112	0
32.	Mr. Sidney (Va)	127	19	45	4	5	Mr French ($42,000)	132,053	21	6,950	0
33.	Talent Search (Pa)	158	24	65	5	6	Cardcounter ($29,150)	130,764	21	5,449	0
34.	Petionville (Md)	752	21	42	4	5	Cardio Cowboy ($47,864)	121,260	19	5,774	0
35.	Lord Shanakill (Pa)	201	31	82	11	14	Ciao ($18,064)	119,244	35	3,847	0
36.	Albert the Great (pensioned)	412	10	27	4	7	Can He Shine ($31,738)	103,442	40	10,344	0
37.	Bullsbay (Pa)	85	16	47	2	2	Disco Express ($18,795)	101,389	13	6,337	0
38.	Swiss Yodeler (WV)	785	21	61	7	7	Swiss Sunrise ($15,900)	101,027	33	4,811	0
39.	Buffum (Md)	22	6	13	5	5	Stormin Hongkong ($41,034)	100,856	83	16,809	0
40.	Super Ninety Nine (Md)	53	12	27	2	2	Little Miss Raelyn ($23,712)	100,813	17	8,401	0
41.	Nicanor (pensioned)	44	11	26	6	6	Fearless Terp ($22,428)	99,958	55	9,087	0
42.	Medallist (Pa)	204	8	23	1	1	Winning the Medal ($59,878)	96,548	13	12,069	0
43.	Winchill (Pa)	21	5	8	3	3	You Must Chill ($29,440)	92,150	60	18,430	0
44.	Lion Hearted (deceased)	624	12	30	2	3	Tricky Lion ($57,375)	90,931	17	7,578	0
45.	Friend Or Foe (Va)	19	3	5	2	2	Mr. Buff ($67,250)	89,200	67	29,733	1
46.	Done Talking (SC)	16	5	12	3	4	Dixie Drawl ($36,150)	84,660	60	16,932	0
47.	Louis Quatorze (deceased)	991	10	27	2	2	Kosher Kontract ($24,496)	73,921	20	7,392	0
48.	Cal Nation (Pa)	49	15	47	1	1	Bro Your Killingme ($13,680)	73,323	7	4,888	0
49.	Scipion (Md)	145	9	24	2	2	In Arrears ($25,650)	68,929	22	7,659	0
50.	Our Entourage (WV)	25	7	16	5	5	Chiefs Kingdom ($17,728)	61,160	71	8,737	0
51.	Cherokee's Boy (Md)	104	7	25	4	4	Dr Bolt ($18,349)	60,943	57	8,706	0
52.	King Puma (NJ)	26	2	7	1	2	Love Is Your Name ($52,580)	53,910	50	26,955	0
53.	Gattopardo (WV)	28	7	12	4	4	Gattolottacharm ($16,030)	52,340	57	7,477	0
54.	Gandhi (Md)	29	12	43	3	3	Sterling Queen ($14,500)	49,684	25	4,140	0
55.	Machen (WV)	69	10	24	2	2	Miss Problematic ($27,400)	49,132	20	4,913	0
56.	City Sharpster (Pa)	66	10	38	2	2	Secuencia ($17,640)	49,126	20	4,913	0
57.	Rimrod (Pa)	112	7	19	2	2	Girl Powder ($19,200)	42,504	29	6,072	0
58.	Siente El Trueno (WV)	19	5	19	2	2	Siente El Viento ($23,136)	41,862	40	8,372	0
59.	Officer Rocket (GB) (WV)	35	10	20	3	3	Rocket Thunder ($19,630)	41,289	30	4,129	0
60.	Reflect Times (Jpn) (Pa)	27	5	14	2	2	Attentively ($16,142)	40,397	40	8,079	0
61.	Power by Far (Pa)	114	1	4	1	2	Not in the Mood ($37,490)	37,490	100	37,490	0
62.	Rock Slide (pensioned)	282	7	22	2	3	Nicaradalic Rocks ($15,240)	35,954	29	5,136	0
63.	Bobalicious (WV)	13	4	9	3	4	Boppin Bob ($14,400)	35,722	75	8,931	0
64.	Wiseman's Ferry (deceased)	308	7	18	1	2	Wise Mac ($20,280)	35,620	14	5,089	0
65.	Luftikus (WV)	292	5	13	3	3	Lucky Ned Pepper ($11,992)	35,091	60	7,018	0

Mid-Atlantic-bred stakes winners

MD-bred: ALWAYSMINING, CORDMAKER, LAS SETAS, LEWISFIELD. NJ-bred: VALEDICTORIAN.
PA-bred: PRINCE LUCKY. WV-bred: ANNA'S BANDIT, RUNNIN'TOLUVYA.

Maryland-bred

ALWAYSMINING

Private Terms Stakes

$100,000-guaranteed, abt. 1 1/16 mi., 3-year-olds. Laurel Park, March 16.

	Bernardini	A.P. Indy	Seattle Slew
			Weekend Surprise
		Cara Rafaela	Quiet American
Stay Thirsty			Oil Fable
	Marozia	Storm Bird	Northern Dancer
			South Ocean
		Make Change	Roberto
Alwaysmining, dk.b./br.g., 2016			Equal Change
		Unbridled	Fappiano
	Anees		Gana Facil
		Ivory Idol	Alydar
What Will Be			Ivory Wand
		Golden Act	Gummo
	Che Sara Sara		Golden Shore
		Consequential	Dr. Fager
			Cequillo

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
18 (sw)	9	4 (2)	0	1	$191,192
19 (sw)	2	2 (2)	0	0	120,000
	11	6 (4)	0	1	$311,192 (through March 16)

2018: 1st $100,000 **Maryland Juvenile Futurity**, 7 fur., registered Md.-bred or sired 2-year-olds, Laurel, Dec. 8; $100,000 **Heft S**, 7 fur., 2-year-olds, Laurel, Dec. 29. **2019:** 1st $100,000 **Miracle Wood S**, 1 mi., 3-year-olds, Laurel, Feb. 16; $100,000 **Private Terms S**, abt. 1 1/16 mi., 3-year-olds, Laurel, March 16.

Bred by Avla Pitts (Md.); owned by Runnymede Racing LLC; trained by Kelly Rubley.

Sire: **STAY THIRSTY,** dk.b./br., 08, stands at Lovacres Ranch, Warner Springs, Calif.

Dam: WHAT WILL BE, b., 03, bred by Morgan's Ford Farm (Va.). Raced 5 years, 33 starts, 4 wins at 3, 5 and 6, $128,529.

11 Concrete Princess, ch.f. by Majestic Warrior. Raced 5 years, 29 starts, 2 to 6, 0 wins, $15,966. (Kee Nov 11—$2,500; FTM May 13—$43,000)
13 Fletcher Is Golden, ch.g. by Majestic Warrior. Raced 3 years, 31 starts, 3 wins at 4, $45,440. (Kee Jan 14—$57,000; OBS Aug 14—$110,000)
14 Hasty Nic, ch.f. by Old Fashioned. Raced 4 years, 22 starts, 3 wins, 2 to 4, $70,460. (FTM May 16—$25,000)
15 Bullet Storm, b.c. by Flat Out. In Russia, raced 2 years, 5 starts, 1 win at 3. (Kee Sept 16—$32,000)
16 **ALWAYSMINING**, dk.b./br.g. by Stay Thirsty. (Kee Jan 17—$32,000; Kee Sept 17—$130,000)
17 ch.f. by Jimmy Creed. (Kee Jan 18—$37,000)
18 ch.f. by Fast Anna. (Kee Jan 19—$100,000)
19 c. by Shackleford.

CORDMAKER

Harrison E. Johnson Memorial Stakes

$100,000-guaranteed, 1 1/8 mi., 4 & up. Laurel Park, March 16.

	Smart Strike	Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native
			Gold Digger
		Classy 'n Smart	Smarten
Curlin			No Class
	Sherriff's Deputy	Deputy Minister	Vice Regent
			Mint Copy
		Barbarika	Bates Motel
Cordmaker, ch.g., 2015			War Exchange
		Danzig	Northern Dancer
	Polish Numbers		Pas de Nom
		Numbered Account	Buckpasser
Tanca			Intriguing
		Pleasant Tap	Pleasant Colony
	Waltz		Never Knock
		Mythical Dancer	Sovereign Dancer
			Mythographer

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
17	4	1	1	1	$ 49,056
18 (sw)	5	2 (1)	1	0	91,407
19 (sw)	2	1 (1)	0	0	60,000
	11	4 (2)	2	1	$200,463 (through March 16)

2018: 1st $75,000 **Jennings S**, 1 mi., registered Md.-bred or sired, 3 & up, Laurel, Dec. 29. **2019:** 1st $100,000 **Harrison E. Johnson Memorial S**, 1 1/8 mi., 4 & up, Laurel, March 16.

Bred by Robert T. Manfuso and Katharine M. Voss (Md.); owned by Hillwood Stable LLC; trained by Rodney Jenkins.

Sire: **CURLIN,** ch., 04, stands at Hill 'n' Dale Farms, Lexington, Ky.

Dam: TANCA, ch., 02, bred by Robert T. Manfuso and Katharine M. Voss (Md.). Raced 2 years, 10 starts, 1 win at 4, $20,770.

08 Polonez, b.f. by Not For Love. Raced 4 years, 18 starts, 4 wins, 4 to 6, $41,909.
09 My Uncle Cardie, dk.b./br.g. by Freud. Raced 3 years, 20 starts, 2 wins at 4, $28,170. (FTM Oct 10—$21,000)
10 Gran Paradiso, b.c. by Harlington. Unraced. (FTM Oct 11—$1,000)
11 Idiosyncratic, b.c. by Thewayyouare. Raced 2 years, 8 starts, 1 win at 3, $78,060. (FTM Oct 12—$60,000; Kee April 13—$120,000)
12 Smart Alex, ch.f. by Smarty Jones. Raced 4 years, 11 starts, 1 win at 4, $57,816. FTM Sept 13—$20,000)
13 **CORVUS**, b.g. by Dance With Ravens. Raced 4 years, 15 starts, 3 wins at 2 and 3, $129,412, Maryland Million Nursery S.
14 Barren.
15 **CORDMAKER**, ch.g. by Curlin. (FTM Oct 16—$150,000)
16 **LAS SETAS**, b.f. by Seville (Ger). Raced 2 years, 4 starts, 3 wins at 3, $151,240, Beyond the Wire S, Wide Country S.
17 ch.f. by Imagining.
18 Barren.

LAS SETAS

Beyond the Wire Stakes

$100,000-guaranteed, 1 mi., 3-year-old fillies. Laurel Park, March 16.

	Galileo (Ire)	Sadler's Wells	Northern Dancer
			Fairy Bridge
		Urban Sea	Miswaki
Seville (Ger)			Allegretta (GB)
	Silverskaya	Silver Hawk	Roberto
			Gris Vitesse
		Boubskaia (GB)	Niniski
Las Setas, b.f., 2016			Frenetique
		Danzig	Northern Dancer
	Polish Numbers		Pas de Nom
		Numbered Account	Buckpasser
Tanca			Intriguing
		Pleasant Tap	Pleasant Colony
	Waltz		Never Knock
		Mythical Dancer	Sovereign Dancer
			Mythographer

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
18	1	0	0	0	$ 1,600
19 (sw)	3	3 (2)	0	0	149,640
	4	3 (2)	0	0	$151,240 (through March 16)

2019: 1st $100,000 **Wide Country S**, 7 fur., 3-year-old fillies, Laurel, Feb. 16; $100,000 **Beyond the Wire S**, 1 mi., 3-year-old fillies, Laurel, March 16.

Bred by Robert T. Manfuso and Katharine M. Voss (Md.); owned by Wayne A. Harrison, Robert T. Manfuso and Katharine M. Voss; trained by Katharine M. Voss.

Sire: **SEVILLE (GER),** b., 08 (deceased).

Dam: TANCA, ch., 02, bred by Robert T. Manfuso and Katharine M. Voss (Md.). Raced 2 years, 10 starts, 1 win at 4, $20,770.

08 Polonez, b.f. by Not For Love. Raced 4 years, 18 starts, 4 wins, 4 to 6, $41,909.
09 My Uncle Cardie, dk.b./br.g. by Freud. Raced 3 years, 20 starts, 2 wins at 4, $28,170. (FTM Oct 10—$21,000)
10 Gran Paradiso, b.c. by Harlington. Unraced. (FTM Oct 11—$1,000)
11 Idiosyncratic, b.c. by Thewayyouare. Raced 2 years, 8 starts, 1 win at 3, $78,060. (FTM Oct 12—$60,000; Kee April 13—$120,000)
12 Smart Alex, ch.f. by Smarty Jones. Raced 4 years, 11 starts, 1 win at 4, $57,816. (FTM Sept 13—$20,000)
13 **CORVUS**, b.g. by Dance With Ravens. Raced 4 years, 15 starts, 3 wins at 2 and 3, $129,412, Maryland Million Nursery S.
14 Barren.
15 **CORDMAKER**, ch.g. by Curlin. Raced 3 years, 11 starts, 4 wins, 2 to 4, $200,463, Harrison E. Johnson Memorial S, Jennings S. (FTM Oct 16—$150,000)
16 **LAS SETAS**, b.f. by Seville (Ger).
17 ch.f. by Imagining.
18 Barren.

LEWISFIELD

Not For Love Stakes

$75,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., registered Maryland-bred or sired, 4 & up. Laurel Park, March 16.

	Elusive Quality	Gone West	Mr. Prospector Secrettame
		Touch of Greatness	Hero's Honor Ivory Wand
Great Notion		Dayjur	Danzig Gold Beauty
	Evening Primrose	Water Lily (Fr)	Riverman First Bloom
Lewisfield, b.g., 2014		A.P. Indy	Seattle Slew Weekend Surprise
	Crowd Pleaser	Creaking Board (GB)	Night Shift Happy Landing
Smart Crowd		Deputed Testamony	Traffic Cop Proof Requested
	Ten's Testamony	Nottaten	Smarten Groan

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
16	unraced				
17	5	3	1 (1)	1	$ 82,622
18 (sw)	10	3 (2)	2 (2)	3 (3)	243,675
19 (sw)	1	1 (1)	0	0	45,000
	16	7 (3)	3 (3)	4 (3)	$371,297 (through March 16)

2017: 2nd **Howard M. Bender Memorial S**. **2018:** 1st $75,000 **Not For Love S**, 6 fur., registered Md.-bred or sired, 3 & up, Laurel, March 17; $100,000 **Maryland Million Sprint H**, 6 fur., 3 & up sired by eligible Md. stallions, Laurel, Oct. 20; 2nd **Polynesian S**, **Mr. Prospector S**; 3rd **Maryland Sprint S-G3**, **Fabulous Strike S**, **Howard and Sondra Bender Memorial S**. **2019:** 1st $75,000 **Not For Love S**, 6 fur., registered Md.-bred or sired, 4 & up, Laurel, March 16.

Bred and owned by Linda L. Zang (Md.); trained by Jeff C. Runco.

Sire: **GREAT NOTION,** b., 00, stands at Northview Stallion Station, Chesapeake City, Md.

Dam: SMART CROWD, gr./ro., 06, bred by Lewisfield Farm (Md.). Raced 2 years, 8 starts, 2 wins at 4 and 5, $81,130.

09 Manion, b.g. by St Averil. Raced 4 years, 24 starts, 1 win at 4, $21,819.

10 Great Crowd, gr./ro.f. by Great Notion. Raced 3 years, 19 starts, 5 wins at 3 and 4, $125,665.

11 Smart Notion, gr./ro.f. by Great Notion. Unraced.

12 Waterside Dream, b.f. by Great Notion. Raced 2 years, 9 starts, 3 wins at 3 and 4, $61,458.

13 First Notion, b.g. by Great Notion. Raced 1 year, 4 starts at 3, 0 wins, $14,520.

14 **LEWISFIELD**, b.g. by Great Notion.

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VALEDICTORIAN

Sand Springs Stakes

$100,000-guaranteed, 1 mi., turf, fillies and mares, 4 & up. Gulfstream Park, March 30.

	Dynaformer	Roberto	Hail to Reason Bramalea
		Andover Way	His Majesty On the Trail
Temple City		Danzig	Northern Dancer Pas de Nom
	Curriculum	Macoumba	Mr. Prospector Maximova (Fr)
Valedictorian, dk.b./br.m., 2014		Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native Gold Digger
	Smart Strike	Classy 'n Smart	Smarten No Class
Smart N Classy		Regal Classic	Vice Regent No Class
	Teenage Queen	Waltzing Empress	Tyrant Dancing Teddy

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
16	5	1	2	1	$ 49,530
17	9	5	0	1	111,955
18 (sw)	8	3 (2)	3 (1)	0	207,950
19 (sw)	4	2 (2)	1 (1)	1 (1)	194,330
	26	11 (4)	6 (2)	3 (1)	$563,765 (through March 30)

2018: 1st $75,000 **Jersey Girl H**, 1 mi., turf, registered N.J.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Monmouth, July 4; $150,000 **All Along S**, 1 1/16 mi., turf, fillies and mares, 3 & up, Laurel, Sept. 22; 2nd **Claiming Crown Tiara S**. **2019:** 1st $150,000 **Suwannee River S-G3**, 1 1/8 mi., turf, fillies and mares, 4 & up, Gulfstream, Feb. 9; $100,000 **Sand Springs S**, 1 mi., turf, fillies and mares, 4 & up, Gulfstream, March 30; 2nd **Honey Fox S-G3**; 3rd **Marshua's River S-G3**.

Bred by John Bowers Jr. (N.J.); owned by Epic Racing; trained by Kelly J. Breen.

Sire: **TEMPLE CITY**, dk.b./br., 05, stands at Spendthrift Farm, Lexington, Ky.

Dam: **SMART N CLASSY**, b., 00, bred by John Bowers Jr. (N.J.). Raced 4 years, 37 starts, 7 wins, 3 to 5, $466,209, Eatontown H-G3, April Run S, 2nd Politely S, Omnibus S, Dahlia S, Spruce Fir H, 3rd Politely S, Goldfinch S, Open Mind H.

08 Barren.

09 Slipped.

10 Ride Ride Ride, b.g. by Candy Ride (Arg). Raced 7 years, 42 starts, 4 wins at 3, 5 and 7, $131,866.

11 Ride This Train, b.g. by Candy Ride (Arg). Raced 5 years, 48 starts, 6 wins at 4, 5, 7 and 8, $79,626.

12 Barren.

13 White Knuckle Ride, dk.b./br.f. by Twirling Candy. Raced 2 years, 23 starts, 3 wins at 2 and 3, $44,075.

14 **VALEDICTORIAN**, dk.b./br.f. by Temple City.

15 Barren.

16 Stay Smart, b.f. by Stay Thirsty. Raced 2 years, 4 starts at 2 and 3, 0 wins, $18,450.

17 Barren.

18 He'spuregold, b.c. by Vancouver (Aus).

Pennsylvania-bred

PRINCE LUCKY

Gulfstream Park Mile Stakes-G2

$300,000-guaranteed, 1 mi., 4 & up. Gulfstream Park, March 30.

	Pulpit	A.P. Indy	Seattle Slew Weekend Surprise
		Preach	Mr. Prospector Narrate
Corinthian		Easy Goer	Alydar Relaxing
	Multiply	Add	Spectacular Bid Number
Prince Lucky, b.g., 2015		Elusive Quality	Gone West Touch of Greatness
	Great Notion	Evening Primrose	Dayjur Water Lily (Fr)
Lucky Notion		Patriotically	Hoist the Flag Politely
	Riot Luck	Lucky Loot	Vice Regent Loot

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
17 (sw)	4	3 (1)	0	1 (1)	$132,690
18 (sw)	4	1 (1)	0	1 (1)	99,000
19 (sw)	2	2 (2)	0	0	244,280
	10	6 (4)	0	2 (2)	$475,970 (through March 30)

2017: 1st $100,000 **Pennsylvania Nursery S**, 7 fur., registered Pa.-bred 2-year-olds, Parx, Dec. 2; 3rd **First State Dash S**. **2018:** 1st $150,000 **Easy Goer S**, 1 1/16 mi., 3-year-olds, Belmont, June 9; 3rd **Sir Barton S**. **2019:** 1st $100,000 **Hal's Hope S-G3**, 1 mi., 4 & up, Gulfstream, Feb. 23; $300,000 **Gulfstream Park Mile S-G2**, 1 mi., 4 & up, Gulfstream, March 30.

Bred by Daniel W. McConnell Sr. (Pa.); owned by Daniel McConnell; trained by Todd A. Pletcher.

Sire: **CORINTHIAN,** ch., 03, stands at Evicmen Harasi, Kemalpasa, Turkey.

Dam: LUCKY NOTION, b., 06, bred by Equivine, McConnell and Vosters (Pa.). Raced 3 years, 12 starts, 5 wins at 4 and 5, $117,464.

13 O Aubrey, dk.b./br.f. by Rimrod. Raced 2 years, 11 starts, 2 wins at 3, $55,720.

14 **Saint Main Event**, b.f. by Redeemed. Raced 4 years, 26 starts, 6 wins, 2 to 5, $290,166, 3rd All Brandy S.

15 **PRINCE LUCKY**, b.g. by Corinthian.

16 Barren.

17 Lucky Olivia Rose, b.f. by El Padrino.

18 Katesaluckygirl, b.f. by Uncle Lino.

19 f. by Birdstone.

West Virginia-bred

ANNA'S BANDIT

Conniver Stakes

$75,000-guaranteed, 7 fur., registered Maryland-bred or sired fillies and mares, 4 & up. Laurel Park, March 16.

	Elusive Quality	Gone West	Mr. Prospector Secrettame
		Touch of Greatness	Hero's Honor Ivory Wand
	Great Notion	Dayjur	Danzig Gold Beauty
	Evening Primrose	Water Lily (Fr)	Riverman First Bloom
Anna's Bandit, dk.b./br.m., 2014		Unbridled	Fappiano Gana Facil
	No Armistice	Ataentsic	Hold Your Peace Mythographer
	Onearmedbandit	Polish Numbers	Danzig Numbered Account
	Court Tour	Sum Secret	Devil's Bag Tell Me Sumthing

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
16	3	1	1 (1)	1 (1)	$ 61,800
17	5	2	1	0	57,330
18 (sw)	13	4 (3)	1	5 (4)	182,755
19 (sw)	2	2 (1)	0	0	71,790
	23	9 (4)	3 (1)	6 (5)	$373,675 (through March 16)

2016: 2nd **Debutante S**; 3rd **Astoria S**. **2018:** 1st $75,000 **Conniver S**, 7 fur., registered Md.-bred or sired fillies and mares, 3 & up, Laurel, March 17; $35,000 **Down Town Allen S**, 6½ fur., registered accredited W.Va.-bred or sired fillies and mares, 4 & up, Charles Town, April 21; $50,000 **Sadie Hawkins S**, 7 fur., registered accredited W.Va.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Charles Town, Sept. 22; 3rd **W.Va. "Cavada" Breeders Classic S**, **The Very One S**, **Maryland Million Distaff S**, **Politely S**. **2019:** 1st $75,000 **Conniver S**, 7 fur., registered Md.-bred or sired fillies and mares, 4 & up, Laurel, March 16.

Bred and trained by John J. Robb (W.Va.); owned by No Guts No Glory Farm.

Sire: **GREAT NOTION,** b., 00, stands at Northview Stallion Station, Chesapeake City, Md.

Dam: **ONEARMEDBANDIT**, b., 06, bred by David Daniel (Md.). Raced 5 years, 22 starts, 7 wins, 2 to 6, $304,878, Miss Shenandoah S, 2nd Lady Charles Town S, Inaugural S, Femme Fatale S, Hookedonthefeelin S, 3rd Jameela S. (FTM Sept 07—$13,500)

14 **ANNA'S BANDIT**, dk.b./br.f. by Great Notion.

15 Gracies Bandit, dk.b./br.f. by During. Raced 2 years, 6 starts, 1 win at 3, $16,567.

16 Bandits Glory, dk.b./br.c. by Great Notion. Unraced.

17 Slipped.

18 Little Bold Bandit, dk.b./br.c. by Great Notion.

19 f. by Mosler.

RUNNIN'TOLUVYA

Russell Road Overnight Prep Stakes

$35,000-guaranteed, 7 fur., 4 & up. Charles Town, March 29.

	Unbridled's Song	Unbridled	Fappiano Gana Facil
		Trolley Song	Caro (Ire) Lucky Spell
	Fiber Sonde	Storm Cat	Storm Bird Terlingua
	Silken Cat	Silken Doll	Chieftain Insilca
Runnin'toluvya, gr./ro.g., 2014		Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native Gold Digger
	Not For Love	Dance Number	Northern Dancer Numbered Account
	Lov'emnrun	Rollicking	Rambunctious Martinetta
	Not So Cold	Cold Queen	Victoria Park Handmaiden

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
16 (sw)	5	2 (1)	1	0	$ 52,366
17	unraced				
18 (sw)	9	8 (3)	1	0	276,730
19 (sw)	1	1 (1)	0	0	20,820
	15	11 (5)	2	0	$349,916 (through March 29)

2016: 1st $75,000 **W.Va. Vincent Moscarelli Memorial Breeders Classic S**, 6½ fur., registered accredited W.Va.-bred or sired 2-year-olds, Charles Town, Oct. 8. **2018:** 1st $50,000 **Frank Gall Memorial S**, 7 fur., registered accredited W.Va.-breds, 3 & up, Charles Town, Sept. 22; $300,000 **West Virginia Breeders Classic S**, 1⅛ mi., registered accredited W.Va.-bred or sired, 3 & up, Charles Town, Oct. 13; $50,000 **A Huevo S**, 1⅛ mi., registered accredited W.Va.-bred, 3 & up, Charles Town, Nov. 10. **2019:** 1st $35,000 **Russell Road Overnight Prep S**, 7 fur., 4 & up, Charles Town, March 29.

Bred by Leslie G. Cromer (W.Va.); owned by Grams Racing Stable LLC; trained by Timothy C. Grams.

Sire: **FIBER SONDE,** gr./ro., 05, stands at Beau Ridge Farm, Charles Town, W.Va.

Dam: LOV'EMNRUN, dk.b./br., 01, bred by Barry R. Swartz and Jodi Swartz (Md.). Raced 3 years, 31 starts, 2 wins at 3, $54,072.

12 Dance for Love, dk.b./br.g. by Peak Dancer. Raced 2 years, 7 starts, 2 wins at 3, $23,057.

13 Slipped.

14 **RUNNIN'TOLUVYA**, gr./ro.g. by Fiber Sonde.

15 Slipped.

16 Loving Touch, dk.b./br.g. by Fiber Sonde. Unraced.

18 Barren.

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Backstretch workers and related facilities a focal point

BY TOM LAMARRA

When it comes to politics, things can changed rapidly, but when the 2019 Maryland General Assembly regular session ended late in the evening of April 8, it was clear important decisions involving the state's Thoroughbred industry would have to wait for another day–likely until 2020, barring a special session.

Legislation regarding the future of Pimlico Race Course and financing for major projects at Laurel Park and the dormant Bowie Training Center failed to move after a last-minute proposal designed to serve as a compromise. Even far less complicated matters–making Bowie and the Maryland State Fair at Timonium eligible for basic Racetrack Facility Renewal Account funds–didn't cross the finish line.

Sports betting legislation stalled earlier in the session, but that wasn't unexpected. The next opportunity for a constitutional amendment on expanded gambling is November 2020, and the General Assembly will have time come January to pass a bill.

A few lawmakers said they expected dialogue to continue on Pimlico, Laurel and Bowie post-session, which indicates a fluid situation. One project–and an important one–not caught in the crosshairs is construction of what is called the "stick" barn or Amish barn in the Laurel stable area.

Maryland Jockey Club President Sal Sinatra said materials for the structure were on site at Laurel in early April, and the effort to obtain permits from Anne Arundel County was underway.

The barn is expected to have three levels: a new Receiving Barn on the ground floor, offices and a track kitchen on the second floor, and 120-140 dormitories on the top level. The latter has taken on greater significance given recent inspections by state and county public officials in the barn area.

The new dorms have been in the works for roughly two years as part of a broader improvement plan for the stable area at Laurel. There also has been an effort over the past year or so to strengthen the connection between backstretch workers and racetrack management.

The MJC and Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association have reiterated the need for employees to do their part in maintaining not only their rooms but the barn area in general. It was a focal point of the April MTHA community meeting, which is regularly attended by MJC officials.

"We have these meetings every month to hear the feedback to make things better for you," said Erin McElwee, facilities administrative manager for the MJC and a racehorse owner. "We want to be part of this community and we need to blend in more than we do. You all really mean the world to me."

The following appeared in the April MTHA newsletter, and it serves as an educational message for those who may not realize the extent of programs offered by a horsemen's organization:

The Maryland racing community takes great pride in its backstretch workforce and, in turn, the MTHA provides meaningful benefits for those who care for our equine athletes every day, around the clock.

The racing industry considers it a civic responsibility to care for those who make sacrifices to ensure the well-being of the many racehorses that compete at tracks in Maryland. They provide a sometimes-underappreciated skill that requires a true bond with and understanding of the horse.

The MTHA last year began offering courses for newcomers with an interest in becoming grooms as well as classes to help employed grooms hone their skills. The role backstretch workers play in the daily care of horses and their dedication under difficult circumstances is critical to the Maryland racing program.

Backstretch workers are offered free room and board, if they choose, and have access to other dormitories for a small monthly fee.

Other services and benefits available to backstretch workers are as follows:

- Free access to health care through the Horsemen's Health System, with physicians provided by MedStar Health
- Free transportation for those who need specialized treatment off site
- A $750,000 a year pension plan fully funded by the industry
- A full recreation program that includes organized sporting events and field trips around the region
- A recreation room that provides games, television and free computer access
- Free van service for transportation to appointments or for shopping
- Free full-time counseling services
- Access to funds to pay for continuing education programs
- Free English as a second language classes
- Free bereavement services
- Social Service assistance
- Various free business services including financial planning, immigration assistance and tax filing.

The MTHA, as part of its commitment to those who work with horses, has staff offices on both the backstretch and in the grandstand office areas at Laurel Park and Pimlico Race Course. The staff willingly makes itself available to backstretch employees, particularly in the case of emergencies outside of regular office hours. ✹

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Bonus Baby?

Alwaysmining's success could put Maryland's Preakness bonus in play

By Joe Clancy

It's official, right there in black and white on a letterhead featuring the logos of the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, the Maryland Jockey Club and the Maryland Horse Breeders Association.

A Maryland-bred/sired winner of the Preakness Stakes-G1 in 2019 would result in bonus payments of $225,000 to the owner, $225,000 to the breeder and $50,000 to the stallion owner. The same bonuses would apply to the owner and breeder if a Maryland-bred (but not Maryland-sired) horse should be successful. Finally, the owner of a Maryland-sired (but not Maryland-bred) Preakness winner would receive the $225,000 bonus while the stallion owner would receive $50,000.

Funded by the state, the bonuses are in addition to the $1.5 million Preakness purse and are designed to offer another incentive or carrot to support the Maryland Thoroughbred industry. And, frankly, something to talk about.

"It's the jumbo lotto ticket," said Mike Pons of Country Life Farm. "It's going to happen again, somewhere, someday and it's a great thing for the state to show their faith in us. Breeders and owners have spent millions bringing all this back and it's a little something extra for the economic activity. And it sure will be worth a lot in PR so there's no downside to it."

Jim McCue

Alwaysmining's four stakes wins in a row include the Private Terms.

Being as only eight Maryland-breds have won the Preakness in 143 runnings–and none since Deputed Testamony's 1983 score–the funds seem fairly safe.

Then again . . .

Maryland-bred Alwaysmining at least had people wondering about the bonus agreement this spring after winning Laurel Park's Miracle Wood Stakes in February and Private Terms Stakes in March and looking like an odds-on choice for the Federico Tesio April 20. The latter, run after *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred*'s deadline for this edition, carried with it an automatic entry into the Preakness meaning the bonus (first offered in 2017) could be in play for the first time.

For Alwaysmining's breeder Poppet Pitts, a Preakness

Lydia A. Williams

Alwaysmining's breeder Poppet Pitts runs a small operation.

runner–let alone winner–would be difficult to fathom. And she wasn't even thinking about the bonus.

"I can't answer that," she replied when asked what breeding a Preakness starter would feel like. "It would be hard to believe. The Bentleys and everyone have been so good to me. It makes me cry when Alwaysmining wins and I don't cry that easily. We usually just go to Black-Eyed Susan Day and not to the Preakness but I might have to get a table this year."

Alwaysmining began life on Pitts' farm in Monkton. The place has been in her family since the 1920s and produces one or two foals a year. Pitts gets some help from neighbor Vivian Rall on foaling days (though she was out of town when Alwaysmining was born and another neighbor, Darin Martin, filled in), raises the foals and sells them at Keeneland January via Kentucky's Hunter Valley Farm.

"I try and have two mares because I don't like just one baby here, and then they go to Hunter Valley Farm [in Kentucky] and get sold in January," said Pitts. "They go down there in December. We've done well, sold them every year and we're making a little money. It carries the showhorse and the racehorse and all that sort of stuff. I don't get that attached to them knowing they're going to go to that sale."

Pitts came up with Alwaysmining by breeding her mare What Will Be to Stay Thirsty. Then standing at Ashford Stud in Kentucky, Stay Thirsty won five races including the Jim Dandy-G2 and Travers-G1 at Saratoga in 2011. Trained by Todd Pletcher for Repole Stable, Stay Thirsty missed the Preakness but placed 12th in the Kentucky Derby-G1 and second to Ruler On Ice in the Belmont Stakes-G1.

"I liked him in the beginning, then I went to see him and I liked him more," Pitts said of the Bernardini stallion. "I don't know anything about it, but I liked what he'd done and I liked his looks. Going to Ashford is so special. I just wandered through all those barns by myself. Nobody was bothering me and it was so peaceful."

Sold by Pitts for $32,000 as an early yearling at Keeneland January, Alwaysmining went for $130,000 at Keeneland September and joined the stable of Jim McIngvale. The dark bay colt (now a gelding) lost his first three, but won at Laurel in June before being purchased by Pennsylvanians Greg and Caroline Bentley. Now trained at Fair Hill by Kelly Rubley, Alwaysmining closed 2018 with three consecutive wins and opened 2019 with two more–all at Laurel. The connections briefly entertained the idea of a Kentucky Derby try, which would have necessitated a start in a stakes with Derby points, but stayed in the region for the Tesio.

"It occurs to me that he's an interesting confluence of Maryland factors," said Greg Bentley. "The Triple Crown trail is there with the prep races and the points system. It takes you all over the place, but here in Maryland there's a ramp where you can stay in Maryland and get to a Triple Crown race too."

And that's the real bonus. ❧

Maryland-bred Preakness winners

Cloverbrook (1877)
Dunboyne (1887)
Refund (1888)
Sly Fox (1898)
Challedon (1939)
Kauai King (1966)
Bee Bee Bee (1972)
Deputed Testamony (1983)

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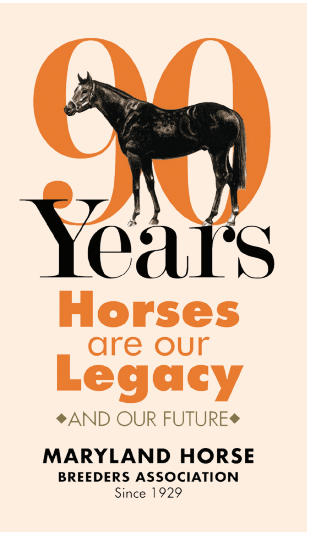
A long history of MHBA Presidents

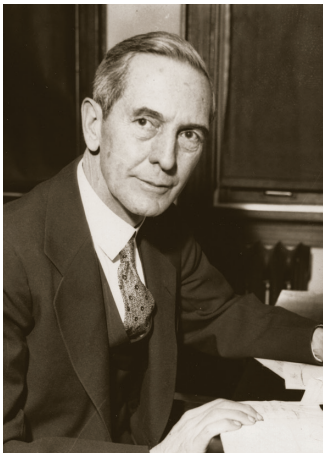


The 34 people who have led the MHBA as president since it's incorporation in January 1929 have included horsemen (and one horsewoman), businessmen, political leaders, industry leaders, and breeders and owners of flat and steeplechase horses. All were "interested in the breeding and improvement of horses and the fostering and preserving of traditions pertaining to the horse everywhere and particularly the fine traditions of the horse in Maryland," as stated in the Purposes for the Corporation.

At the first meeting of the board, Jan. 17, 1929, Breckinridge Long was elected president "to serve until the next annual meeting of the Corporation or until his successor was elected and qualified." Long was at the time an international lawyer and had been assistant Secretary of State under Woodrow Wilson during World War I.

A horse breeder and owner at his Montpelier Farm near Laurel, Long had a busy life as a diplomat, which included being named Ambassador to Italy by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1933 and as Roosevelt's assistant Secretary of State during the height of War World II, which left little time for the MHBA. Charles L.A. Heiser took over as president in the early 1930s.

Heiser was a charter member and chairman of the first meeting of the board of directors and also the organization's first vice-president. He owned Snow Hill Farm in Glyndon–now the location of Worthington Farm and the present site of the Maryland Hunt Cup, over a course created by Heiser in 1922. A two-time winner of the Hunt Cup (in 1927 and 1928 with Bon Master, ridden by his stepson Frank A. Bonsal),



Instrumental in the MHBA's early days were (clockwise from top left): Breckinridge Long, Charles L.A. Heiser, Janon Fisher Jr. and Chester Hockley.

Heiser served as MHBA president through 1934. He declined another year in 1935 when stating at that May's meeting "that he did not wish to be reelected as president, feeling that he had served as president long enough, and that the best interests of the association would be served by a reasonable rotation of officers."

Heiser's impact on the MHBA was documented by Chester Hockley, a prolific writer and note taker, and president from 1936 through 1939. In the first issue of *The Maryland Horse*, which Hockley was instrumental in launching in the summer of 1936, it was noted that a race to be held at one of the state's mile tracks was being planned

for the fall to honor Heiser, who had died earlier that year.

"It is a fitting tribute to the man who guided the helm of the association through the first seven years of its growth, and who did so much in the past towards the placing of races for Maryland-bred horses on the tracks' cards. . ." it was explained.

The Heiser Memorial, restricted to Maryland-bred runners, was contested for more than a decade at Pimlico. Among the winners were Challamore in 1942 and 1943, Lady Maryland (1938) and Quarter Moon (1945).

Heiser's desire to promote Maryland-breds wasn't just at the track. He and MHBA treasurer Major Goss L. Stryker were the creators of the MHBA yearling show for state-breds, with the first show held in 1932.

Hockley was also an able leader, helping the association grow before relinquishing his duties in 1940 to become chairman of the Maryland Racing Commission. Janon Fisher Jr., one of the three original founders of the MHBA (with Louis McLane Merryman and Dr. J. Fred Adams), stepped in for a second time as president, having first been selected in 1935.

Fisher guided the organization for five more years (1940-44), much during World War II. One of the most renowned and dominant figures in Maryland's horse industry, Fisher was a director from 1929 through 1977, and for more than 30 years was also secretary of the American Trainers Association. The trainer of two three-time Maryland Hunt Cup winners (Blockade and Mountain Dew), Fisher also owned, bred and trained flat runners,

served two terms as a director of the Maryland Jockey Club (Pimlico) and was briefly the track's treasurer.

Fisher's six years as president have been matched twice since – by veterinarian and nine-time Maryland Breeder of the Year Tom Bowman, who served two years in the early 2000s and from 2009 through 2012; and Joseph P. "Josh" Pons Jr. of Country Life Farm, whose initial three-year term ran from 1995 through 1997, and he served another three years starting in 2013.

Numerous families have been represented at the top position, the Ponses the most (13 years). John P. Pons, son of Country Life Farm founder Adolphe Pons and uncle of Josh, was elected president a total five years, and Mike Pons, Josh's brother, was president in 2000 and 2001.

John Pons was the first president elected to fill the seat following the death of his predecessor, which occurred when Henry L. Straus was killed in a plane crash in October 1949. Straus was a racing Renaissance Man – in addition to his racing stable and breeding operation, and being president of the MHBA since 1947, he was the inventor of the American Totalisator, and at the time of his death was president of Tropical Park race track in Coral Gables, Fla.

Frank A. "Downey" Bonsal, stepson of Heiser, was president during the 12 most critical months of the organization, which led to the passage of House Bill 106 in April 1962 to create the Maryland Fund. A public trainer of the highest regard from a family with deep roots in the breeding industry, Bonsal was instrumental in getting the MHBA and Maryland Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association to combine forces to back the bill, which revitalized the state's horse industry.

Bonsal declined to serve more than one year as president, and eventually went off the board altogether when his training duties for Calumet Farm in the late 1960s took him away from Maryland much of the time.

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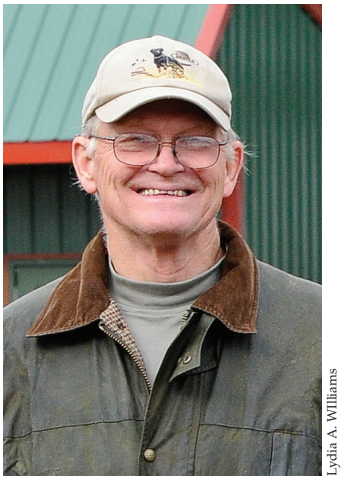

Lydia A. Williams

Only two others have matched Janon Fisher Jr.'s six years as president: Joseph P. "Josh" Pons and R. Thomas "Tom" Bowman.

In 1976, Bonsal's son Frank Jr. – known to his friends as "Young Frank" and an avid foxhunter and timber racing enthusiast – was named president. Snowden Carter commented about the youth, and experience, in office in that June's editorial in *The Maryland Horse* with Bonsal, 39, and new vice-president J. William "Billy" Boniface, 34. ". . . in these two men we have an excellent combination. One is by trade an investment broker, the other a professional trainer. . . they have both achieved great distinction in their chosen fields of endeavor. . . and represent a 'new, young look.'"

Boniface succeeded Bonsal in 1978 after Bonsal declined reelection. The young trainer, five years away from saddling Deputed Testamony to victory in the Preakness, was president two years, during which time Gov. Harry Hughes signed into law Senate Bill 794, which nearly doubled the income to the Maryland Fund. Boniface was ecstatic with the new legislation. "As soon as people become aware of the kind of money we'll be distributing, our entire industry will be revitalized."

Twenty-five years later, Boniface's son, William K. Boniface, became president. The head of the breeding division of the family's Bonita Farm, the younger Boniface – president in 2004 and 2005 – already had a long history on the board. He was believed to be the youngest person to serve when first elected in 1988 at age 24.

In 1979, a record number of women were named to the board – longtime member Allaire duPont, along with newly elected Betty Shea Miller and Katharine M. Voss. Voss joined her father, former two-time president John B. Merryman, on that year's board, and made history in 1985 by becoming the first, and to date only, woman president of the MHBA. She was reelected the next year, but due to term limits under the association's bylaws, was required to go off the board in 1987.

Nominated by James F. Lewis III, Voss had been vice-president of the MHBA the previous three years, 30 years after Mrs. Robert H. Heighe had been the last woman vice-president.

When Hal C.B. Clagett was elected in 1969 to his first of two years as president, the attorney – and ninth gener-

MHBA Presidents

Breckinridge Long - 1929
C.L.A. Heiser - Early 1930s
Janon Fisher Jr. - 1935, 1940 to 1944
Chester F. Hockley - 1936 to 1939
Joseph F. Flanagan - 1945, 1946
Henry L. Straus - 1947, 1948
John P. Pons - 1949, 1950, 1956 to 1958
Walter A. Edgar - 1951 to 1953
Danny Shea - 1954, 1955
Stuart S. Janney Jr. - 1959, 1960
Frank A. Bonsal - 1961
Bruce S. Campbell - 1962, 1963
Peter Jay - 1964, 1965
Samuel M. Pistorio - 1966
Dr. Robert A. Leonard - 1967, 1968
Hal C.B. Clagett - 1969, 1970
William G. Christmas - 1971 to 1973
John B. Merryman - 1974, 1975
Frank A. Bonsal Jr. - 1976, 1977
J. William Boniface - 1978, 1979
Douglas R. Small - 1980, 1981
Kimball C. Firestone - 1982 to 1984
Katharine M. Voss - 1985, 1986
James F. Lewis III - 1987
King T. Leatherbury - 1988 to 1990
J.W.Y. Martin Jr. - 1991 to 1994
Joseph P. Pons Jr. - 1995 to 1997, 2013 to 2015
Hal C.B. Clagett III - 1998, 1999
Michael Pons - 2000, 2001
R. Thomas Bowman - 2002, 2003, 2009 to 2012
William K. Boniface - 2004, 2005
James B. Steele Jr. - 2006 to 2008
Robert B. White - 2016, 2017
Michael Harrison DVM - 2018

ation of his family to own Weston Farm in Southern Maryland – was already a household name for breeders in the state, as the author of House Bill 106. A foxhunting aficionado and longtime breeder, Clagett wasn't the only president in his family – his brother Fendall was elected at the same time to a two-year term of the local division of the HBPA.

Nearly 30 years later, Hal C.B. Clagett III, the 10th generation to own Weston Farm and also an attorney, began his own MHBA presidential term, from 1998 to 1999.

Those who served offered great expertise and experience as they guided the growth of the MHBA. Joseph Flanagan was "a steward at Delaware and Laurel race courses, former gentleman rider of note, farmer, successful breeder of Thoroughbreds at his Monkton establishment [including Hall of Famer Elkridge], and nationally known as a first class judge of horses and pedigrees" when elected after Fisher as World War II ended. During his watch, a series of "Breeders' Stakes" to be run at Pimlico, Havre de Grace, Laurel and Bowie was being implemented.

Walter "Jack" Edgar had been a partner of the General Ship Repair Company in Baltimore before retiring in his early 40s and devoting his time to his Woodlawn Farm. In ill health for years, Edgar guided the MHBA from 1951 until forced to step aside in 1954. His successor, Danny Shea, was known as one of the all-time greats in the horse show ring, was a Thoroughbred breeder, owner and trainer, and owned Merryland Farm, which he developed into one of the state's largest breeding and training establishments.

Stuart S. Janney Jr., among the state's most respected owners and breeders, was a horseman of distinction – he won the Maryland Hunt Cup four times, three aboard his incomparable Winton – a lawyer, and a two-time president.

Winants Bros.

John P. Pons, son of Country Life Farm founder Adolphe Pons, was president for five years.

Jerry Frutkoff

Katy Voss, the first and only woman president of the MHBA, is from a family of service to the organization – her father John Merryman was president; her grandfather Louis McLane Merryman was a co-founder.

When the Maryland Fund was created, the lure to breed in Maryland brought many back to the state, including Bruce S. Campbell. The native Marylander had left for Florida in the mid-1950s and founded Ocala Stud Farm, but in 1962 he returned to his home state. "The new law aiding horse breeders should mean a complete revaluation of Maryland's Thoroughbred industry," he told *The Maryland Horse*. "Getting this program off the ground may be one of the biggest problems I've ever faced."

Campbell was shipping five of his mares back north. "I want them to foal in Maryland next spring so that I'll have Maryland-breds which are eligible to compete in the Maryland Fund."

Jerry Frutkoff

Frank A. "Downey" Bonsal oversaw the creation of the Maryland Fund.

Winants Bros.

Attorney Hal C.B. Clagett, author of House Bill 106 – which revitalized Maryland's breeding industry – was named president two years in the late 1960s.

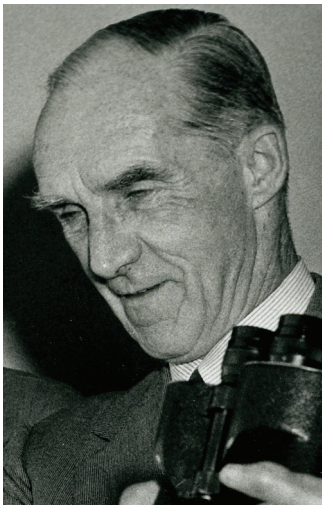
The retired sand, gravel, road-building industrialist maintained his Florida interests and remarked during that year's MHBA annual dinner at Pimlico:

"The other day my secretary was filling out a questionnaire for me. She came to the place where it said 'occupation' and she asked what she should put down.

"I thought for a minute, and then told her: Just say 'Tired'."

But, as was reported in magazine, "He wouldn't have taken the presidency of the Maryland Horse Breeders Association if he hadn't felt he would do justice to the job."

A sentiment that can be applied to all who hold the position. ❧



Joe Flanagan, breeder of Hall of Famer Elkridge, had a good eye for horses.

Ed. Ewing

Stuart S. Janney Jr. was among the state's legendary horsemen, and renowned as a breeder with his wife Barbara.

Skip Ball

J. William "Bill" Boniface (above) and his son William K. "Billy" Boniface brought youth to the board, and each would serve two years as president.

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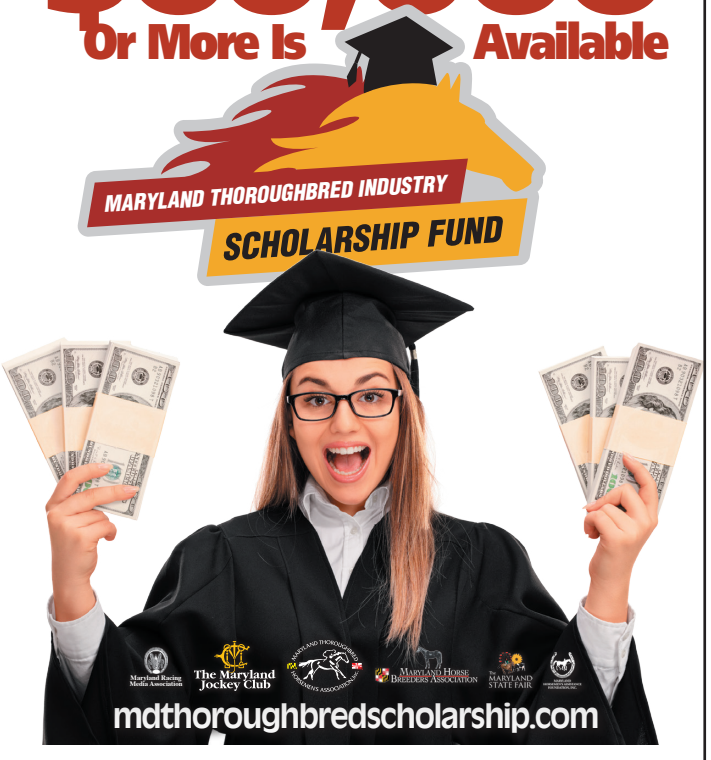

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Maryland Foal Report

Jim McCue

Sky Mesa's daughter out of Seeking Options is a three-quarter-sister to stakes winner Daylight Ahead.

Erin Harrison

Imagining colt is out of stakes producer Princess Perry, a daughter of Point Given and stakes winner Merry Princess.

BABE'S RULER, by Roman Ruler, b.c., March 9, by Great Notion. Jagger Inc.

FANCY DIAMOND, by Eastern Echo, b.f., March 24, by Goldencents. Thornmar. Mare to Bandbox.

FLIP THE SWITCH, by Discreet Cat, b.f., March 17, by Algorithms. David W. Palmer. Mare to Tapizar.

FREEWAY FUN, by Awesome Again, dk.b./br.f., March 26, by Baltimore Bob. Robert Gerczak. Mare to Baltimore Bob.

GLACKETY, by Smoke Glacken, dk.b./br.f., March 8, by Divining Rod. Barak Farm.

IRISH GAL, by Cape Blanco (Ire), b.f., March 27, by Baltimore Bob. James B. Steele. Mare to Barbados.

KISS ME NOW, by Wildcat Heir, dk.b./br.f., March 27, by Baltimore Bob. Robert Gerczak. Mare to Baltimore Bob.

LIONHEART CHAMPION, by Lion Heart, b.f., Feb. 26, by

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Daredevil. Marathon Farms Inc. Mare to Klimt.

MARTINI, by Yes It's True, b.f., Feb. 26, by Divining Rod. Barak Farm.

MARZES, by Powerscourt (GB), b.c., March 19, by Outflanker. James B. Steele. Mare to Outflanker.

MISSTREATED, by Dehere, dk.b./br.f., March 15, by Cross Traffic. Richard J. Hackerman.

MODEL FIGURE, by Distant View, ch.c., March 14, by Animal Kingdom. Timothy J. Rooney. Mare to Lookin At Lucky.

MY AUNT DIANNE, by Norquestor, b.f., Feb. 24, by Great Notion. James B. Steele Jr. Mare to Barbados.

NEW CANAAN, by Courageous Cat, b.f., March 22, by Baltimore Bob. Robert Gerczak. Mare to Baltimore Bob.

ONEMORETIMEAGAIN, by Love of Money, b.f., April 7, by Great Notion. Clover Hill Farm Inc. Mare to Divining Rod.

PATEL, by Skip Away, dk.b./br.c., March 13, by Mosler. Joe M. Thomson.

PRINCESS PERRY, by Point Given, ch.c., March 23, by Imagining. Richard Blue Jr.

QUIET INFERNO, by Quiet American, b.f., March 16, by Kantharos. Marathon Farm Inc. Mare to Liam's Map.

RESILIENT ONE, by Hard Spun, b.c., March 25, by Klimt. Barak Farm and Dean Barber.

RYSY, by Langfuhr, b.f., March 22, by Klimt. Barak Farm and Dinos Thoroughbreds LLC.

SEEKING OPTIONS, by Seeking Daylight, b.f., April 4, by Sky Mesa. Winners Circle Partners VIII. Mare to Speightster.

SHREWSBURY PARK, by Speightstown, ch.c., March 7, by First Dude. Jagger Inc.

SKIPPERDEE, by Giant's Causeway, b.c., March 17, by Kobe's Back. Barak Farm and Dinos Thoroughbreds LLC.

SOME KINDA LOVE, by Not For Love, b.c., March 18, by Paynter. Thornmar. Mare to Blofeld.

SUNDAY IN MALIBU, by Malibu Moon, ch.c., March 1, by Holy Boss. Dr. Ronald Harris Parker. Mare to Bourbon Courage.

TATTOOED GIRL, by More Than Ready, ch.f., March 9, by Jimmy Creed. Timothy J. Rooney. Mare to Goldencents.

TERRA AQUA, by Cowboy Cal, b.c., April 3, by Bourbon Courage. Virginia Wright, Mary Jones and Robin L. Graham.

WILD FOR LOVE, by Not For Love, b.c., March 10, by Divining Rod. Wasabi Ventures Stables LLC, Greenspring Mares LLC and Bowman & Higgins Stable. Mare to Great Notion.

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Maryland Fund Report

Bonuses paid for races at Maryland tracks
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Breeder bonuses

Mr. and Mrs. Talbot J. Albert IV and Elisabeth A. Hayes—WE HAP NOW: Feb. 8, 1st race, $594.

All Aboard Stables—REIN SUPREME: Feb. 3, 4th race, $5,985; Feb. 16, 10th race $1,386. ($7,371)

Lorna Baker and Tom Michaels—LAKI: Feb. 16, 8th race, $1,500.

David Baxter—GLAD DAD: Feb. 15, 7th race, $3,591.

Patricia and Richard Beck—PHANTOM SHOT: Feb. 7, 7th race, $2,835; Feb. 22, 6th race, $1,485. ($4,320)

Howard M. Bender Revocable Trust—DIVINE DANCER: Feb. 23, 7th race, $495.

Best A Luck Farm LLC—DESTINY OVER FATE: Feb. 22, 8th race, $7,182.

Black Fox Farm—LUCKY BULL: Feb. 15, 6th race, $594.

Frank A. Bonsal Jr.—CHOCOMOUNT: Feb. 16, 3rd race, $2,565. LORDHAVEMERCY: Feb. 9, 5th race, $6,840. ($9,405)

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Adena Springs—BRUSHING: Feb. 17, 3rd race, $1,386.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Dr. Brooke Bowman—PIKACHU PRINCESS: Feb. 1, 6th race, $1,827; Feb. 22, 3rd race, $1,827. ($3,654)

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Dr. Brooke Bowman and Adena Springs—DR. CERRATO: Feb. 3, 5th race, $2,565; Feb. 24, 8th race, $945. ($3,510)

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Dr. Brooke Bowman and Larry Johnson—BY THE SEY SHORE: Feb. 23, 8th race, $2,646.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Quin Bowman and Rebecca Davis—CLUBMAN: Feb. 2, 5th race, $7,695; Feb. 28, 4th race, $8,037. ($15,732)

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Rebecca Davis and Adena Springs—ONE TWO THREE GO: Feb. 22, 1st race, $2,205.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Charles L. Frock and Rick Buckley—ONE ODD STORY: Feb. 17, 1st race, $726.

Bowman and Higgins Stable—STOMP DANCE: Feb. 18, 1st race, $759.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Northview Stallion Station—HELLOITSME: Feb. 3, 6th race, $1,155.

Vincent Bracciale—GFOUR: Feb. 1, 2nd race, $2,565; Feb. 28, 2nd race, $495. ($3,060)

Phyllis M. Browne—PADRINO'S HEART: Feb. 3, 1st race, $1,155.

James Edwin Bryant and Linda Page Davis—JUMP JIVE AN WAIL: Feb. 10, 6th race, $1,386.

Michael P. Cataneo—TO BLAVE: Feb. 8, 8th race, $1,827.

James T. Christmas and Brenda Christmas—HUMBOLT STREET: Feb. 18, 2nd race, $2,565.

Patricia Clark and Pamela Arnold—PAUL THE WAITER: Feb. 2, 4th race, $1,155.

Henry S. Clark III—GLENGAR: Feb. 10, 7th race, $924.

Cloyce C. Clark Jr.—GLORIA'S GAL: Feb. 3, 4th race, $2,205.

Classic Thoroughbred XXV—CHERRYANDTHEHAWK: Feb. 17, 3rd race, $726; Feb. 28, 8th race, $1,260. GOLDEN GALA: Feb. 22, 8th race, $2,646. ($4,632)

Copper Penny Stables LLC—PRETTYASNEWMONEY: Feb. 23, 4th race, $945.

Cordelia Stables LLC—BELLE 'N TONIC: Feb. 8, 6th race, $3,933.

Cottonwood Stable LLC—CAN HE SHINE: Feb. 23, 5th race, $3,078.

Country Life Farm—BONUS POINTS: Feb. 16, 7th race, $9,000.

Country Life Farm and Atlantic Tide LLC—FRIESING WATERS: Feb. 22, 1st race, $1,155.

Country Life Farm and Mrs. J.W.Y. Martin Jr.—EARNED IT: Feb. 9, 6th race, $495; Feb. 22, 4th race, $495. ($990)

Donald K. Dean—WISE TRADE: Feb. 16, 1st race, $693.

Dr. Alexandro Rubim Dias—V. I. P. TICKET: Feb. 9, 5th race, $1,320.

David DiPietro—MIDNIGHT CRY: Feb. 10, 3rd race, $561.

George Doetsch—ENCHANTED GHOST: Feb. 18, 5th race, $9,000.

Marilyn Anne Doetsch—LOVELY GAMES: Feb. 18, 9th race, $660.

Double Deez Stables Inc.—DONNA'S DELIGHT: Feb. 8, 1st race, $3,078.

Dragon's Lair Farm and Carol Kaye—PATRIOTIC QUEST: Feb. 8, 4th race, $495.

The Elkstone Group LLC—EIGHTY SIX METS: Feb. 1, 5th race, $1,155. HIGHER PURPOSE: Feb. 17, 2nd race, $3,762. PAST PERFECT: Feb. 2, 2nd race, $4,788; Feb. 24, 7th race, $2,646. RED GUM: Feb. 21, 6th race, $7,182. TORCH OF TRUTH: Feb. 3, 9th race, $2,205. ($21,738)

Sam E. English II—BEYOND FOREVER: Feb. 1, 5th race, $2,205.

Mary E. Eppler Racing Stable and John C. Harroff—CITI PARTY: Feb. 15, 2nd race, $4,788.

Annette Eubanks and Daniel Eubanks—STORMY MAMA: Feb. 9, 4th race, $495.

Everest Stables Inc—NIGHTLIFE: Feb. 10, 4th race, $6,840.

W. Dale and Joan P. Everett—GIVEN ACHANCE: Feb. 8, 9th race, $495.

Fitzhugh LLC—TURBIN: Feb. 23, 7th race, $945. WALL: Feb. 9, 3rd race, $3,762. ($4,707)

Paul L. Fowler Jr.—STORMIN HONGKONG: Feb. 3, 7th race, $1,890.

Robert Gamber—STRING BEAN: Feb. 3, 10th race $495.

Germania Farm—GALLINELLA: Feb. 1, 3rd race, $5,985.

Glade Valley Farms Inc.—EAGLE CAVIAR: Feb. 7, 1st race, $1,134.

Heritage Stallions Inc.—DOIT FOR SPITE: Feb. 23, 4th race, $495.

Hickory Ridge Farm—RIP RAP RILEY: Feb. 22, 7th race, $4,617.

Hillwood Stables LLC—BUNTING: Feb. 24, 6th race, $2,205. SHALL TRY: Feb. 17, 4th race, $945. ($3,150)

Holly House Farm—COUSIN JIMMY: Feb. 3, 9th race, $5,985.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Holt, Theodore Montuori and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Palumbo—TATTOOED: Feb. 10, 6th race, $2,646.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Holt and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Palumbo—LE WEEKEND: Feb. 2, 7th race, $2,835; Feb. 28, 6th race, $1,485. ($4,320)

Michael and Debbie Horning—WE MADE IT: Feb. 10, 5th race, $1,260; Feb. 18, 9th race, $3,420. ($4,680)

Sallyellen and Hugh Hurst—LORD OF MISRULE: Feb. 24, 8th race, $495.

Ann Biggs Jackson—TACO SUPREAM: Feb. 18, 8th race, $9,405.

R. Larry Johnson—GOLD CADILLAC: Feb. 21, 5th race, $1,701. STREET PRAYER: Feb. 3, 1st race, $5,985. WHENALLELSEFAILS: Feb. 24, 4th race, $594. ($8,280)

Keith Jones—ONCE MORE EH: Feb. 15, 6th race, $1,134.

Carol A. Kaye—SMOKIN HOT FACTOR: Feb. 2, 1st race, $924.

Alan S. Kline—SHAKA STYLE: Feb. 2, 9th race, $924.

Ioannis Korologos—GREAT FRENCH KISS: Feb. 21, 5th race, $891.

Fred T. Lewis DVM—CONQUISTODOR FUEGO: Feb. 2, 8th race, $594.

Cal MacWilliam and Teitelbaum and Associates—MISS GUIDED: Feb. 10, 4th race, $1,320.

Robert T. Manfuso—WEEKEND DELIGHT: Feb. 2, 3rd race, $1,320.

Robert T. Manfuso and Katharine M. Voss—NO MORE EXCUSES: Feb. 3, 4th race, $1,155. SARATOGA BOB: Feb. 3, 8th race, $7,695; Feb. 24, 3rd race, $1,551. SWING STEP: Feb. 8, 4th race, $2,565. ($12,966)

Robert T. Manfuso and Katharine M. Voss—LAS SETAS: Feb. 16, 6th race, $9,000.

Marathon Farms Inc.—BUSTOFF: Feb. 7, 4th race, $1,386. GRECIAN PRINCE: Feb. 18, 1st race, $3,933. SHOWALTER: Feb. 21, 7th race, $7,695. WHIRLIN CURLIN: Feb. 3, 3rd race, $1,890; Feb. 18, 6th race, $9,405. ($24,309)

Mrs. J. W. Y. Martin Jr.—SIP OF SUNSHINE: Feb. 24, 7th race, $7,182.

Edwin Merryman—LOUISE: Feb. 8, 3rd race, $3,078; Feb. 17, 4th race, $2,565. ($5,643)

Ann Warfield Merryman and Donald Metzger—JACKGREERSTUBHUTCH: Feb. 2, 8th race, $1,134; Feb. 16, 4th race, $3,078. ($4,212)

Donna M. Miller—THE GREAT PROVIDER: Feb. 8, 2nd race, $1,134.

Bob Miller and Maryann Miller—SONIC BOOM E JET: Feb. 3, 9th race, $1,155.

Jennifer "Bird" Mobberley—NO REFUNDS: Feb. 22, 2nd race, $3,078.

Angie Moore—SUPER BUDDY: Feb. 2, 4th race, $5,985.

Athol Morgan LLC—DR BOLT: Feb. 1, 8th race, $759; Feb. 18, 2nd race, $495. L'OVERTURE: Feb. 16, 4th race, $594. ($1,848)

Kevin P. Morgan—MR. CHESAPEAKECITY: Feb. 15, 4th race, $1,134.

Wayne and Juanita Morris—DISCO EXPRESS: Feb. 2, 10th race $945.

Edmund T. Mudge IV—HEY MABEL: Feb. 8, 3rd race, $1,134; Feb. 24, 4th race, $1,134. ($2,268)

Audrey Murray—PETION NIGHT: Feb. 10, 7th race, $1,764.

David W. Palmer—BUCKED TOOTH: Feb. 23, 1st race, $2,205.

Marilyn Payne—BAGELS AND LOX: Feb. 7, 5th race, $945; Feb. 16, 1st race, $1,323. ($2,268)

Cynthia Pence and Philip Spingler—NICK PAPAGIORGIO: Feb. 2, 9th race, $4,788.

Avla Pitts—ALWAYSMINING: Feb. 16, 5th race, $9,000.

R C Park Racing Stable Inc.—CAPTAIN TRIPS: Feb. 3, 5th race, $495; Feb. 22, 5th race, $945. JAH GRACE: Feb. 3, 10th race $2,565. MAJORIE MUGS: Feb. 17, 4th race, $495. ($4,500)

Dr. and Mrs. Richard Reveley—S W BRIAR ROSE: Feb. 18, 4th race, $3,465.

Timothy J. Rooney—ANGELINAS STAR: Feb. 21, 8th race, $945. VELOCITA BRILLANTE: Feb. 1, 5th race, $5,985; Feb. 16, 10th race $7,182. ($14,112)

Sagamore Farm LLC—DROPS AND BUCKETS: Feb. 8, 6th race, $1,449. GLOBAL CITIZEN: Feb. 18, 3rd race, $1,827. RULE YOURSELF: Feb. 2, 4th race, $2,205. ($5,481)

Brian C. Schartz and 4M Ranch—FEDERAL WALK: Feb. 1, 9th race, $2,907; Feb. 21, 3rd race, $4,275. ($7,182)

Share the Risk Partnership—LIZ'S SMILE: Feb. 15, 2nd race, $924.

Hamilton Smith, Fred Greene Jr. and Deborah Greene—MOON VIRGINIA: Feb. 28, 6th race, $2,835.

Spendthrift Farm LLC—CONFESSOR: Feb. 23, 8th race, $7,182. HAILEY'S FLIP: Feb. 1, 4th race, $8,037. HALL PASS: Feb. 23, 8th race, $1,386. ($16,605)

John D. Stuart—KATEANDLILLIAN: Feb. 10, 8th race, $1,134.

Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds LLC—CLEVER MIND: Feb. 28, 7th race, $2,205. GREATBULLSOFFIRE: Feb. 3, 8th race, $1,485. JUMP FOR SALLY: Feb. 10, 4th race, $2,520. ($6,210)

Thornmar Farm LLC—DETERMINED MISSION: Feb. 8, 5th race, $594. WORTH HIS SALT: Feb. 28, 7th race, $5,985. YES MEANS NO: Feb. 23, 5th race, $594. YOURS TO KEEP: Feb. 24, 1st race, $3,078. ($10,251)

Mark Toothaker and Dan White—GREASEDLIGHTNING: Feb. 8, 9th race, $2,565; Feb. 15, 8th race, $495. ($3,060)

Two Legends Farm—SPARTY: Feb. 28, 7th race, $1,155. TEAM TIM: Feb. 23, 6th race, $5,130. ($6,285)

Walter Vieser II—DAPPER MUN: Feb. 23, 1st race, $1,155.

Warwick Equine Services—RICARDITO: Feb. 15, 7th race, $693.

John E. Williamson III and Clover Hill Farm Inc.—TRI TRY COLORS: Feb. 15, 1st race, $1,701.

Willow Oaks Stable—THIRSTY AGAIN: Feb. 9, 1st race, $726.

Pam Wofford and Edmund Benson—STACKSDENERO: Feb. 24, 2nd race, $1,134.

Dorothy E. Worton—VINNY GORGEOUS: Feb. 1, 2nd race, $495.

Mrs. Frank P. Wright—MY CHESA CHARM: Feb. 22, 9th race, $945. SARAH'S TREASURE: Feb. 18, 7th race, $9,405. ($10,350)

Lana Wright and Two Legends Farm—LAST LOVE: Feb. 10, 2nd race, $2,520.

Stallion bonuses

ADMIRAL ALEX (Gfour: Feb. 1, 2nd race, $855; Feb. 28, 2nd race, $165): Leon Blusiewicz—$1,020.

BANDBOX (Bunting: Feb. 24, 6th race, $735): Bandbox Syndicate.

BUFFUM (Clever Mind: Feb. 28, 7th race, $735. No Refunds: Feb. 22, 2nd race, $1,026. Stormin Hongkong: Feb. 3, 7th race, $630): Buffum Syndicate—$2,391.

BULLSBAY (Disco Express: Feb. 2, 10th race, $315. Greatbullsoffire: Feb. 3, 8th race, $495): Bullsbay Syndicate—$810.

CAL NATION (Earned It: Feb. 9, 6th race, $165. Earned It: Feb. 22, 4th race, $165): Cal Nation Syndicate—$330.

CHEROKEE'S BOY (Captain Trips: Feb. 3, 5th race, $165;: Feb. 22, 5th race, $315. Dr Bolt: Feb. 1, 8th race, $253; Feb. 18, 2nd race, $165. Jah Grace: Feb. 3, 10th race, $855. Majorie Mugs: Feb. 17, 4th race, $165): ZWP Stable—$1,918.

CUBA (Laki: (Feb. 16, 8th race, $500): J&S Stables LLC.

DESPITE THE ODDS (Bagels and Lox: Feb. 7, 5th race, $315; Feb. 16, 1st race, $441. Doit for Spite: Feb. 23, 4th race, $165. Great French Kiss: Feb. 21, 5th race, $297. Mr. Chesapeakecity: Feb. 15, 4th race, $378. Once More Eh: Feb. 15, 6th race, $378. One Odd Story: Feb. 17, 1st race, $242): R. Larry Johnson—$2,216.00

ETCHED (Tattooed: Feb. 10, 6th race, $882): Bonita Farm Stallion Partnership.

FREEDOM CHILD (Confessor: Feb. 23, 8th race, $2,394. Glengar: Feb. 10, 7th race, $308. Hall Pass: Feb. 23, 8th race, $462. Sip of Sunshine: Feb. 24, 7th race, $2,394): Freedom Child Syndicate—$5,558.00

FRIESAN FIRE (Conquistodor Fuego: Feb. 2, 8th race, $198. Friesing Waters: Feb. 22, 1st race, $385. Gallinella: Feb. 1, 3rd race, $1,995. Glad Dad: Feb. 15, 7th race, $1,197. Rip Rap Riley: Feb. 22, 7th race, $1,539. Saratoga Bob: Feb. 3, 8th race, $2,565; Feb. 24, 3rd race, $517): Friesan Fire Syndicate—$8,396.00

GIACOMO (Weekend Delight: Feb. 2, 3rd race, $440): Giacomo Syndicate.

GREAT NOTION (Gloria's Gal: Feb. 3, 4th race, $735. Le Weekend: Feb. 2, 7th race, $945; Feb. 28, 6th race, $495. Louise: Feb. 8, 3rd race, $1,026; Feb. 17, 4th race, $855. Rein Supreme: Feb. 3, 4th race, $1,995; 10th race, $462): Great Notion Syndicate—$6,513.

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HUNTERS BAY (Brushing: Feb. 17, 3rd race, $462. Liz's Smile: Feb. 15, 2nd race, $308. One Two Three Go: Feb. 22, 1st race, $735): Stronach Group LP—$1,505.

LION HEARTED (Stormy Mama: Feb. 9, 4th race, $165): Lion Hearted Syndicate.

NICANOR (Angelinas Star: Feb. 21, 8th race, $315): Nicanor Syndicate.

NOT FOR LOVE (Clubman: Feb. 2, 5th race, $2,565; Feb. 28, 4th race, $2,679. Last Love: Feb. 10, 2nd race, $840. Lovely Games: Feb. 18, 9th race, $220. No More Excuses: Feb. 3, 4th race, $385. Swing Step: Feb. 8, 4th race, $855. Torch of Truth: Feb. 3, 9th race, $735): Not For Love Syndicate—$8,279.

ORIENTATE (Shall Try: Feb. 17, 4th race, $315. Sonic Boom E Jet: Feb. 3, 9th race, $385): Orientate Syndicate—$700.

OUTFLANKER (Donna's Delight: Feb. 8, 1st race, $1,026. Nick Papagiorgio: Feb. 2, 9th race, $1,596. Stacksdenero: Feb. 24, 2nd race, $378): Outflanker Syndicate—$3,000.

PETIONVILLE (L'Overture: Feb. 16, 4th race, $198. Petion Night: Feb. 10, 7th race, $588): Everest Stables Inc.—$786.

PLAN (Dr. Cerrato: Feb. 3, 5th race, $855; Feb. 24, 8th race, $315): Stronach Group LP—$1,170.

REDEEMED (Cousin Jimmy: Feb. 3, 9th race, $1,995. Pikachu Princess: Feb. 1, 6th race, $609; Feb. 22, 3rd race, $609. Wise Trade: Feb. 16, 1st race, $231. Yours to Keep: Feb. 24, 1st race, $1,026): Redeemed Syndicate—$4,470.

SEVILLE (GER) (Gold Cadillac: Feb. 21, 5th race, $567. Las Setas: Feb. 16, 6th race, $3,000): Seville Syndicate—$3,567.

STREET MAGICIAN (By the Sey Shore: Feb. 23, 8th race, $882. Midnight Cry: Feb. 10, 3rd race, $187. Street Prayer: Feb. 3, 1st race, $1,995): R. Larry Johnson—$3,064.

TRITAP (Ricardito: Feb. 15, 7th race, $231. Tri Try Colors: Feb. 15, 1st race, $567): Tritap Syndicate—$798.

TWO PUNCH (Humbolt Street: Feb. 18, 2nd race, $855): Two Punch Syndicate.

MARYLAND-BRED RACE FUND

Maryland-bred Bonus Payments

for registered Maryland-breds running in Maryland

Bonuses are paid 45 to 75 days from date of actual race

Purse $	*1st place earns $*	***1st place breeder bonus $***	*2nd place earns $*	***2nd place breeder bonus $***	*3rd place earns $*	***3rd place breeder bonus $***
14000	7980	2394	2940	882	1540	462
14500	8265	2479.50	3045	913.50	1595	478.50
15000	8550	2565	3150	945	1650	495
15500	8835	2650.50	3255	976.50	1705	511.50
16000	9120	2736	3360	1008	1760	528
16500	9405	2821.50	3465	1039.50	1815	544.50
17000	9690	2907	3570	1071	1870	561
17500	9975	2992.50	3675	1102.50	1925	577.50
18000	10260	3078	3780	1134	1980	594
18500	10545	3163.50	3885	1165.50	2035	610.50
19000	10830	3249	3990	1197	2090	627
19500	11115	3334.50	4095	1228.50	2145	643.50
20000	11400	3420	4200	1260	2200	660
21000	11970	3591	4410	1323	2310	693
22000	12540	3762	4620	1386	2420	726
23000	13110	3933	4830	1449	2530	759
24000	13680	4104	5040	1512	2640	792
25000	14250	4275	5250	1575	2750	825
26000	14820	4446	5460	1638	2860	858
27000	15390	4617	5670	1701	2970	891
28000	15960	4788	5880	1764	3080	924
29000	16530	4959	6090	1827	3190	957
30000	17100	5130	6300	1890	3300	990
31000	17670	5301	6510	1953	3410	1023
32000	18240	5472	6720	2016	3520	1056

Purse $	*1st place earns $*	***1st place breeder bonus $***	*2nd place earns $*	***2nd place breeder bonus $***	*3rd place earns $*	***3rd place breeder bonus $***
33000	18810	5643	6930	2079	3630	1089
34000	19380	5814	7140	2142	3740	1122
35000	19950	5985	7350	2205	3850	1155
36000	20520	6156	7560	2268	3960	1188
37000	21090	6327	7770	2331	4070	1221
38000	21660	6498	7980	2394	4180	1254
39000	22230	6669	8190	2457	4290	1287
40000	22800	6840	8400	2520	4400	1320
41000	23370	7011	8610	2583	4510	1353
42000	23940	7182	8820	2646	4620	1386
43000	24510	7353	9030	2709	4730	1419
44000	25080	7524	9240	2772	4840	1452
45000	25650	7695	9450	2835	4950	1485
46000	26220	7866	9660	2898	5060	1518
47000	26790	8037	9870	2961	5170	1551
48000	27360	8208	10080	3024	5280	1584
49000	27930	8379	10290	3087	5390	1617
50000	28500	8550	10500	3150	5500	1650
51000	29070	8721	10710	3213	5610	1683
52000	29640	8892	10920	3276	5720	1716
53000	30210	9063	11130	3339	5830	1749
54000	30780	9234	11340	3402	5940	1782
55000	31350	9405	11550	3465	6050	1815
56000	31920	9576	11760	3528	6160	1848
57000	32490	9747	11970	3591	6270	1881

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As of 09/01/2018; subject to semi-annual review by Maryland Racing Commission

Maryland-bred top earners in 2019

(through April 2)

1. Las Setas	$149,640	11. Past Perfect	$65,256
2. Alwaysmining	120,000	12. Beach View	64,000
3. Blamed	95,505	13. S W Briar Rose	63,360
4. Nuclear Option	85,007	14. Our Braintrust	63,000
5. Tattooed	76,362	15. Sarah's Treasure	60,240
6. Bonus Points	73,000	16. Cordmaker	60,000
7. Red Gum	72,682	17. Belle 'n Tonic	59,301
8. Taco Supream	71,877	18. Moon Virginia	57,915
9. Clubman	70,422	19. Tricky Lion	57,375
10. Enchanted Ghost	70,320	20. Le Weekend	56,790

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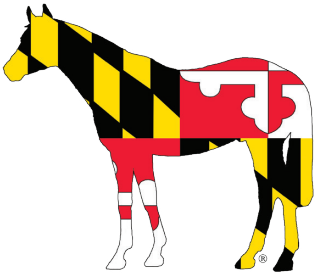

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Maryland's leading sires

Supplied by The Jockey Club Information Services, these statistics compiled on April 2 are for stallions who currently stand or completed their career in Maryland. Lifetime earnings for stallions with at least one starter in 2019. † denotes freshman sire.

Earnings in 2019

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Great Notion	42	111	17	26	$663,445
Friesan Fire	58	148	14	16	557,915
Not For Love	34	102	15	17	471,730
Freedom Child	23	54	9	9	317,770
Redeemed	24	62	8	9	236,560
Outflanker	20	54	8	9	214,084
Orientate	30	67	9	12	201,360
Seville (Ger)	15	31	1	3	200,203
Street Magician	21	53	6	6	192,951
Despite the Odds	16	48	6	6	160,415
Bandbox	10	20	4	4	148,456
Tritap	14	33	3	3	141,567
Petionville	21	42	4	5	121,260
Buffum	6	13	5	5	100,856
Super Ninety Nine	12	27	2	2	100,813
Nicanor	11	26	6	6	99,958
Lion Hearted	12	30	2	3	90,931

Earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love	845	18,993	683	2,830	$78,955,208
Two Punch	938	18,292	733	2,686	55,269,180
Orientate	668	13,477	518	1,982	46,561,475
Petionville	658	14,158	513	1,909	44,757,976
Louis Quatorze	773	14,825	573	1,947	37,818,724
Lion Hearted	506	9,677	388	1,323	29,874,270
Outflanker	434	9,316	327	1,315	29,025,387
Go for Gin	322	6,209	214	732	19,334,918
Great Notion	244	3,601	191	618	19,092,056
Rock Slide	221	3,835	149	426	11,013,458
Friesan Fire	147	2,202	104	280	8,833,992
Scipion	114	2,496	70	278	6,381,383
Mojave Moon	156	3,112	107	339	5,944,131
Street Magician	94	1,410	69	177	5,421,194
Cherokee's Boy	75	1,488	49	149	4,018,905
Showing Up	88	1,125	54	132	2,484,562
Redeemed	54	620	33	68	2,286,501
Freedom Child	36	323	24	49	1,772,628
Narrative (Ire)	81	1,168	42	124	1,084,420
M Eighty	14	326	12	49	1,080,126

2-year-old earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love	365	1,164	139	186	$6,956,746
Two Punch	449	1,447	164	207	5,686,112
Orientate	363	1,139	138	180	5,251,826
Petionville	378	1,172	122	151	4,824,083
Louis Quatorze	338	1,047	104	130	3,509,023
Outflanker	224	904	92	123	3,370,983
Lion Hearted	224	733	81	111	3,096,416
Great Notion	90	272	35	51	2,028,824
Friesan Fire	83	271	26	30	1,515,054
Rock Slide	94	299	24	35	1,075,420
Scipion	58	239	25	33	1,026,993
Go for Gin	162	528	32	39	982,754
Freedom Child	24	113	13	22	859,467
Street Magician	46	175	16	17	772,792
Mojave Moon	87	338	25	30	673,520
Cherokee's Boy	24	105	8	13	641,664
Tritap	17	74	10	17	591,049
Showing Up	35	122	9	12	385,211
Redeemed	25	76	8	9	373,961
Buffum	7	31	7	10	277,818

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Valedictorian just keeps getting better

By Bill Finley

Every time it looks like New Jersey-bred Valedictorian has reached her peak, she steps up to another level. The way she has performed this winter in Florida, it's not an exaggeration to say she is among a short list of the top turf mares in the country.

That's not exactly what you'd expect for a horse who was claimed for $25,000 and, from there, took 20 months to win her first open company stakes race. But something has clicked and there's every reason to believe that trainer Kelly Breen and owner Harriet Sawyer are going to have a very productive year with their 5-year-old mare.

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Valedictorian was defeated in early March in the Grade 3 Honey Fox at Gulfstream, but it was probably the best race of her career. She has faced some quality fillies during her career, but none that have the credentials Precieuse had. An Irish-bred mare, Precieuse was brought here by owner Peter Brant and turned over to Chad Brown. She looked like all Brown-trained imports seem to look – she had proven class overseas and the credentials to be a star in the U.S. Her biggest win came in the Group 1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches at Deauville in France.

Precieuse ran a sharp second in her debut in the U.S., in the De La Rose Stakes last year at Saratoga, and Brown obviously had her primed for her return. She went off at even-money, but the chalk players had to sweat it out as Valedictorian gave her fits. Valedictorian stalked the early leaders, took the lead at the eighth-pole but couldn't hold off a late bid from Precieuse, losing by just a half-length after battling in the stretch while giving the winner six pounds.

"She was amazing [in the Honey Fox]," said Sawyer, who competes under the name of Epic Racing. "It was her highest Beyer, a 95. She had had plenty of 5's on the Thoro-Graph sheets and moved up to a 4. She ran against a Grade 1 winner in France who had beaten 19 other horses the

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year before. Kelly Breen is an amazing trainer. He has brought the best out of here. She was slow developing, but he has her really good right now."

Three weeks earlier, Valedictorian won her first graded stakes, the Grade 3 Suwannee River. But the competition wasn't as tough as it was in the Honey Fox and she may not have won if not for a heads-up ride by Tyler Gaffalione. He got her to the lead that day, no one pressured him and they went in fractions of :25.56, :51.88 and 1:16.64.

"What I liked about the Honey Fox is that she was coming off a race where we stole the race," Breen said. "She validated that effort because this time she didn't get any breaks and had to stalk the pace and the race went in a much faster time. She is definitely excelling at an older age."

Sawyer claimed the mare Jan. 25, 2017 for $25,000 at Gulfstream. She was claimed that day by trainer Michelle Nihei, but the plan all along was to transfer her to Breen's stable so she could compete at Monmouth and take advantage of the New Jersey-bred program. She did well for Breen but didn't really break through until winning the All Along Stakes against open company last September at Laurel. From there, she has finished second in the Claiming Crown Tiara, third in the Grade 3 Marshua's River and then put in the two back-to-back huge efforts in the Suwannee River and Honey Fox.

"Part of her improvement is just maturity," Breen said. "It's also been a matter of watching her train and learning, seeing what she likes and what she doesn't like. I had a couple of theories with her on a couple of things and those theories have worked out."

Sawyer said the plan was to run Valedictorian in the $100,000 Sand Springs March 30 at Gulfstream (she set nearly all the fractions and held on to win by a head going 1 mile on the turf) and then go next in the Grade 2 Churchill Distaff Turf Mile on Kentucky Derby Day.

"The race in Kentucky will no doubt be tough," Sawyer said. "I'm hoping she does well there and then, maybe, we start thinking about Grade 1s."

Sawyer has only been involved in racing for about three years, but has gotten off to a fast start. She has just three horses in training, but the list includes another quality horse in Epic Dreamer. A 3-year-old Kentucky-bred colt by Orb, he broke his maiden at Belmont in October and went on to run fourth in the Grade 2 Holy Bull Stakes at Gulfstream.

She says she wants to keep her operation small and also that she wants New Jersey to be a big part of it. Sawyer spends part of the year in Manhattan and part of the year in Palm Beach, Fla. Very attached to her horses, she wants to be around them as much as possible from the time they are born, and finds that easy to do when she lives in Manhattan and can make the short drive to the horse farms in Monmouth County.

"I don't want to have so many broodmares that I start not to care about all of them," she said. "I want to be able to visit them, see the babies and have a relationship with my horses. I go to the barn quite often, watch them breeze and commune with them."

She owns a 4-year-old Scat Daddy filly named Epic Scataway who never made it to the races and has been bred this year to Lemon Drop Kid. The foal will be born next year in New Jersey. She plans to keep Valedictorian in New Jersey after she retires and have her foals become New Jersey-breds.

With her owning a broodmare that is by Scat Daddy and an eventual broodmare that is a graded stakes winner, the odds are in Sawyer's favor. It looks like Valedictorian won't be the last quality Jersey-bred she will own.

Son of Triple Crown sire Pioneerof the Nile now stands in New Jersey

Ken W. Miller's Ali, a son of Pioneer of the Nile out of the Tapit mare Tap Softly, has been retired from racing due to an injury. Mr. Miller has chosen to join forces with Greenfield Farm in Colts Neck to stand him at stud, for a fee of $1,500 LFSN. Ali will be available to most mares who could not have afforded his sire's fee. This rate will be available this season but may change in the upcoming seasons.

Ali was an RNA ($185,000) in the Keeneland September sale as a yearling. Racing at 2 and 3, he showed brief speed and loads of heart to finish in the money three times in maiden special weight races. His conformation is impeccable and attitude has always been easy to work around. Both should be passed onto his prodigy. For information, contact Bill Hogan at (908) 513-1635.

2019 New Jersey-Bred Stakes Schedule

Run Date	*Stakes Name*	*Purse*	*Division*	*Distance*
May 25	John J. Reilly H	$75,000	3 and up	6 furlongs
June 9	Smart N Classy H	$75,000	F & M, 3 and up	1 mile
June 23	Dan Horn H	$75,000	3 and up	1 1/16 miles (Turf)
June 29	Friendly Lover H	$75,000	3 and up	6 furlongs
July 6	Irish War Cry H	$75,000	3 and up	1 mile (Turf)
July 7	Jersey Girl H	$75,000	F & M, 3 and up	1 mile (Turf)
July 21	Spruce Fir H	$75,000	F & M, 3 and up	6 furlongs
August 25	Charles Hesse III H	$100,000	3 and up	1 1/16 miles
August 25	Eleven North H	$75,000	F & M, 3 and up	6 furlongs
August 25	NJ Breeders H	$75,000	3 and up	6 furlongs
Sepember 14	Joey P. H	$75,000	3 and up	5 furlongs (Turf)

2019 RACING CALENDAR

MONMOUTH PARK

= 61 Racing Days at Monmouth Park

= TVG.com Haskell

= 7 Racing Days at Meadowlands Racetrack

= 1 Monmouth Park at Far Hills

Total Days = 69

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2019 Monmouth Park Stakes Schedule

Run Date	*S Name*		*Purse*	*Division*	*Distance*
May 4	Cliff Hanger S	Listed	$100,000	3 and up	1 mi. (Turf)
May 11	Serena's Song S		$75,000	F & M 3 and up	1 mi. 70 yards
May 12	Long Branch S		$75,000	3 YO	1 mi. 70 yards
May 18	Politely S		$75,000	F & M 3 and up	5½ fur. (Turf)
May 19	Get Serious S		$75,000	3 and up	5½ fur. (Turf)
May 25	Monmouth S	G2	$200,000	3 and up	1⅛ mi. (Turf)
May 25	Salvator Mi.	G3	$150,000	3 and up	1 mi.
May 25	Boiling Springs S		$75,000	3 YO Fillies	1⅛ mi. (Turf)
May 25	John J. Reilly H	NJ Breds	$75,000	3 and up	6 fur.
May 26	Miss Liberty S		$75,000	F & M 3 and up	1⅛ mi. (Turf)
May 27	Hystericalady S		$75,000	3 YO Fillies	6 fur.
June 1	Tale of the Cat S		$75,000	3 YO	1⅛ mi. (Turf)
June 2	Lookin At Lucky S		$75,000	3 YO	6 fur.
June 8	Unbridled Elaine S		$75,000	F & M 3 and up	5 fur. (Turf)
June 9	Smart N Classy H	NJ Breds	$75,000	F & M 3 and up	1 mi.
June 15	Honey Bee S		$75,000	3 YO Fillies	5½ fur. (Turf)
June 16	betfair.com Pegasus S	Listed	$150,000	3 YO	1⅛ mi.
June 22	United Nations S	G1	$300,000	3 and up	1⅜ mi. (Turf)
June 22	Philip H. Iselin S	G3	$150,000	3 and up	1⅛ mi
June 22	Eatontown S	G3	$150,000	F & M 3 and up	1⅛ mi. (Turf)
June 22	Lady's Secret S	Listed	$100,000	F & M 3 and up	1⅛ mi.
June 23	Dan Horn H	NJ Breds	$75,000	3 and up	1⅛ mi. (Turf)
June 29	Friendly Lover H	NJ Breds	$75,000	3 and up	6 fur.
June 30	Open Mind S		$75,000	3 YO Fillies	1⅛ mi. (Turf)
July 6	Irish War Cry H	NJ Breds	$75,000	3 and up	1 mi. (Turf)
July 7	Jersey Girl H	NJ Breds	$75,000	F & M 3 and up	1 mi. (Turf)
July 13	My Frenchman S		$75,000	3 YO	5½ fur. (Turf)
July 14	Blue Sparkler S		$75,000	3 YO Fillies	5½ fur. (Turf)
July 20	betfair.com Haskell Invitational	G1	$1,000,000	3 YO	1⅛ mi.
July 20	Monmouth Cup	G3	$200,000	3 and up	1⅛ mi.
July 20	Molly Pitcher S	G3	$150,000	F & M 3 and up	1⅛ mi.
July 20	WinStar Matchmaker S	G3	$150,000	F & M 3 and up	1⅛ mi. (Turf)
July 20	Oceanport S	G3	$150,000	3 and up	1⅛ mi. (Turf)
July 20	Wolf Hill S		$75,000	3 and up	5½ fur. (Turf)
July 21	Spruce Fir H	NJ Breds	$75,000	F & M 3 and up	6 fur.
July 27	Frisk Me Now S		$75,000	3 YO	1 mi. (Turf)
July 28	Just Jenda S		$75,000	3 YO Fillies	1 mi. (Turf)
Aug. 3	Tyro S		$75,000	2 YO	5 fur. (Turf)
Aug. 4	Colleen S		$75,000	2 YO Fillies	5 fur. (Turf)
Aug. 10	Incredible Revenge S		$75,000	F & M 3 and up	5½ fur. (Turf)
Aug. 11	Jersey Shore S		$75,000	3 YO	6 fur.
Aug. 17	Monmouth Oaks	G3	$150,000	3 YO Fillies	1⅛ mi.
Aug. 18	Jersey Derby		$75,000	3 YO	1⅛ mi. (Turf)
Aug. 24	Unbridled Essence S		$75,000	F & M 3 and up	1½ mi. (Turf)
Aug. 25	Charles Hesse III H	NJ Breds	$100,000	3 and up	1⅛ mi.
Aug. 25	NJ Breeders H	NJ Breds	$75,000	3 and up	6 fur.
Aug. 25	Eleven North H	NJ Breds	$75,000	F & M 3 and up	6 fur.
Aug. 31	Presious Passion S		$75,000	3 and up	1½ mi. (Turf)
Sept. 1	Red Bank S	G3	$150,000	3 and up	1 mi. (Turf)
Sept. 1	Sapling S		$100,000	2 YO	1 mi.
Sept. 1	Sorority S		$100,000	2 YO Fillies	1 mi. (Turf)
Sept. 1	Safely Kept S		$75,000	F & M 3 and up	5 fur. (Turf)
Sept. 2	Bodacious Tatas S		$75,000	F & M 3 and up	1 mi. 70 yards
Sept. 7	Decathlon S		$75,000	3 YO	5½ fur.
Sept. 8	Miss Woodford S		$75,000	3 YO Fillies	5½ fur.
Sept. 14	Joey P. H	NJ Breds	$75,000	3 and up	5 fur. (Turf)
Sept. 15	Good Magic Mi. S		$75,000	3 and up	1 mi.
Sept. 21	Smoke Glacken S		$75,000	2 YO	6 fur.
Sept. 22	Hollywood Wildcat S		$75,000	2 YO Fillies	6 fur.
Sept. 28	Violet S	Listed	$100,000	F & M 3 and up	1⅛ mi. (Turf)
Sept. 28	Rainbow Heir S		$100,000	3 and up	5½ fur. (Turf)
Sept. 28	Mr. Prospector S		$100,000	3 and up	6 fur.
Sept. 28	Regret S		$100,000	F & M 3 and up	6 fur.
Sept. 29	Monmouth Marathon S		$75,000	3 and up	1½ mi.

North Carolina

THOROUGHBRED ASSOCIATION

May 2019

President's message

There are a lot of congratulations to pass around this month. I hope you will all join me in sending them out to our NCTA 2018 Champion Horse winning owners and breeders.

Also, good going to Beth Muirhead, Frank Coniglio, Nancy Shuford and Frank Batten (yay, NC-bred!) for their horses visiting the Winners' Circle! I tried getting pictures of all the winning horses but only received one response. So, a shout out of gratitude to Adam Coglianese for always coming through when asked to send and use his company's pictures.

Let's all welcome Vince Mathews to our organization. This young man has the experience, youth, energy and passion for racing that inspires enthusiasm this sport desperately needs. He's a darn good handicapper, as well. Glad to have you on board, Vince.

Thank you all for your support for the NCTA.

/Rebecca Montaldo

Championship Category	*Horse's Name (breeding)*	*NCTA Owner or Breeder*
Two-Year-old	**DANZ A REBEL** (Revolutionary—Sister Chelsey, by Chelsey Cat)	Bred by Nancy Shuford
Claiming Male	**DOUBLE THE CHEERS** (Concerto—Frisky Cheerleader, by Roar)	Bred by Beth Muirhead
Claiming Female	**KEOTA** (Lonhro-AUS—Mystic Mama, by Scat Daddy)	Bred by Nancy Shuford
Allowance Male	**DIONYSUS' CHALICE** (Fiber Sonde—Athena Grand, by Civilisation	Bred & owned by Dr. & Mrs. Clint Lowry
Allowance Female	**ROSIE P** (Girolamo—Prime Jewel, by The Prime Minister)	Bred & owned by Jet M Stables – Ken Orchard
Steeplechase	**BOSS MAN** (English Channel—Jenny Joy, by Acceptable)	Owned by Carrington Holdings – Mr. & Mrs. Bill Price
Graded Stakes	**MOPOTISM** (Uncle Mo—Peppy Rafaela, by Bernadini)	Bred by Frank Batten
Broodmare	**PEPPY RAFAELA** (Bernardini—Peppy Lapeau, by French Deputy) Dam of Mopotism	Owned by Frank Batten
Breeder of the Year		Frank Batten

Welcome Vince Mathews

I'd like to welcome Vince Mathews to the North Carolina Thoroughbred Association. I met Vince a few years ago at Gulfstream Park and would see him at the track on subsequent visits. We ran into each other at the Breeders' Cup at Churchill where I learned that he recently moved to North Carolina. Knowing a bit of his industry background, with passionate enthusiasm, I started my sales pitch on our organization. The news of a racing organization in a State void of racing baffled, yet delighted him, and he quickly agreed to join and help. Upon my request, he graciously wrote a brief biographer of his experience. So, here's Vince.

I'm 31 years old and have been a horse racing fan as long as I can remember. Born in Memphis, my earliest racetrack memories were weekend trips to Oaklawn Park in Arkansas as well as summer vacations to Saratoga. Once I moved to South Florida in 1999 (6th grade), I went

Vince Mathews at the Breeders' Cup at Churchill Downs in 2018.

to either Calder or Gulfstream virtually every weekend with my dad.

My favorite track will always be Saratoga, and I'll always think of Calder as my "home track" (even though I've certainly spent hundreds of afternoons at Gulfstream as well). While I haven't thought about it too much, I'd say my favorite race is the 1994 Travers (which was the first Travers I ever attended in person. . . I was 6 years old), where Holy Bull hung on to beat Concern.

I graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2010 with a degree in Exercise and Sport Science (focusing on Sport Administration), and after walking hots in Saratoga the summer prior to my graduation, I decided that I would like to explore a career on the front side of the racetrack as opposed to the backstretch. After a couple of years at entry-level jobs in other industries, I was fortunate enough to be hired by America's Best Racing for a two-year run as their South Florida Brand Ambassador (2014-2015), where I hosted events for online influencers and other young professionals at Gulfstream Park. Since that time, my career path has taken a different turn, and I am now an Account Manager for a leading online travel agent.

My involvement with racing now is nothing more than a fan and bettor. To be perfectly honest, I find that I enjoy the game a lot more when it is a hobby of mine and not a job. Now that I have relocated to the Charlotte area, I am looking forward to being a part of NCTA and interacting with other folks in the area who share my common interest of horse racing.

Flat Out Flying winning at Gulfstream Park March 17. *Leslie Martin photo*

Hitting the Board February 26–March 25

Date	Horse	Track	NCTA Connection	Result
27-Feb	Charitable Heart	Charles Town	Bred & owned by Clint Lowry	2nd
27-Feb	Cayenne Creek	Charles Town	Bred & owned by Clint Lowry	3rd
27-Feb	PJ's Bad Boy	Penn National	Bred & Owned by Ken Orchard -Jet M Stables	3rd
3-Mar	Awesome Ghost	Charles Town	Bred by B. Muirhead & F. Coniglio	**1st Winner**
3-Mar	O Shea Can U See	Aqueduct	Owned by Dan Shea - Shea D Boys Stable	3rd
7-Mar	No Altar Boy	Charles Town	Bred & owned by Clint Lowry	2nd
8-Mar	Cabot	Oaklawn Park	Bred by Nancy Shuford	1st **Winner**
9-Mar	Your Secret's Safe	Parx Racing	Bred by Nancy Shuford	2nd
17-Mar	Flat Out Flying	Gulfstream Park	Bred by B. Muirhead & F. Coniglio; Owned by Frank Coniglio	**1st Winner**
21-Mar	Drip Brew (NC)	Oaklawn Park	Bred by Frank Batten	**1st Winner**

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FILLY IS "TOTALLY OBSESSED" WITH WINNING

Ron Paolucci Racing LLC and trainer Gary Johnson are off to a quick start in the 2019 Ohio Fund Program as they captured the first stakes of the season with a dominant win by Totally Obsessed in the $75,000 Southern Park for 3-year-old fillies at Mahoning Valley March 23. Except for two off-the-board starts against open company at Churchill Downs and Gulfstream Park, Johnson has trained Totally Obsessed.

"To be honest, I kind of rushed her for her 2-year-old first-out maiden win [last July], but you got to go with the condition book or you may be waiting for a month," Johnson stated. "She was still green, but her sheer talent took her to an easy 6¾-length win." Her second start would be against her 2-year-old nemesis Drillit in the Kevin Goemmer Tah Dah Stakes at Belterra Park. "We finished second by a length, but should have won it," reflects Johnson. "She stumbled out of the gate, gathered herself up and then about the quarter pole she dropped down from about the eight-path to the rail and ran erratic through the lane."

Paolucci and Johnson had their eye on the year-end big prize—the $150,000 John W. Galbreath Memorial on the Best of Ohio card. To get Totally Obsessed experience around two turns they found an open allowance at 1 mile versus males at Thistledown three weeks prior to the Galbreath. She kept within a length of the leader for 6 panels and faded to fourth. "We put blinkers on her for the Galbreath, but let's face it—it was Drillit's day and she romped over 12 other fillies by 16¼ lengths, while we finished a solid second." That win stamped Drillit as the state's Champion 2-Year-Old Filly.

Dustin Livesay photo

Totally Obsessed recorded her first stakes win the Southern Park at Mahoning Valley in March. Below, trainer Gary Johnson with grandkids in the paddock.

Totally Obsessed left Johnson's barn a few day later for her two uneventful starts against open company out of state. In the Churchill Downs allowance in November, she caught a sloppy track and was squeezed at the start. At Gulfstream a month later she tried the turf for the first time, led through the first half mile, then backed up. "Oddly enough, it may have been a blessing and a big advantage as she returned more mature," said Johnson. "I just freshened her up and now I think she has really got it together."

Totally Obsessed was "much the best" in her 2019 debut in a $31,300 allowance at 6 furlongs Feb. 11, winning by 5½ lengths. Exactly a month later she got up in the final strides in a 5½-furlong, $38,000 allowance over stakes-placed Candy Lane and her juvenile rival champion Drillit.

"She was so fit from those two starts, all I did was jog her one time leading up to the Southern Park," said Johnson, six times leading trainer at Thistledown. "She walks into the paddock now and she is gorgeous, she is the real deal and a standout, very professional, no longer a 2-year-old learning the game." Her major adversary, Drillit, was also parading in the paddock and the betting public made Totally Obsessed the slight choice.

When the gates flew open at Mahoning Valley – so did Totally Obsessed. Jockey Luis Quinones got her in a fluid and controlled stride, was briefly challenged by Candy Lane, then began to increase her lead while in cruise control at every point of call, drawing off under a hand ride by 3¼ lengths. Pearls in Charge was a clear second by 3¼ lengths as longshot Dolly Dear caught Drillit by a nose for the third spot.

"I'm blessed to be training for Ron [Paolucci] – he gives me good horses and leaves the rest up to me," said Johnson, who returned to training two years ago after several years of success in national handicapping competition. He doesn't take all the credit. "Without a doubt I have the best help on this circuit. I couldn't do it without them."

Totally Obsessed is a daughter of Tale of Ekati out of Dark Obsession, by Grand Slam. Bred by Schleprock Racing LLC, she was purchased for $50,000 at the OBS June 2-year-old sale. Now undefeated at 3, her win in the Southern Park pushed her record to 9-4-2-0 for earnings of $153,517.

O.T.B.O. MEMBER RANKED AMONG THE NATION'S WINNINGEST

Congratulations to O.T.B.O. member Ron Paolucci, who at the end of 2018 was listed among the winningest owners in North America. His bright lime green silks finished first across the finish line an amazing 215 times last season! His runners went to post 917 times and had a record of 215-142-103 while amassing earnings of $4,418,484.

Racing mostly in his home state of Ohio, he is active in private purchases, and Looooch Racing Stables competes on many of the major circuits, employing a variety of trainers.

A SALUTE TO THE O.T.B.O. "GOLD MEMBERS"

The Ohio Thoroughbred Breeders & Owners would like to recognize the individuals who have given additional support to our organization by becoming "Gold Members" when they renew their annual registration. It is encouraging to know they are willing to give a little more to promote the interests of owning, breeding and racing in Ohio.

We are a not-for-profit entity that serves as a foundation to takes measures to benefit Ohio by informing potential investors of the advantages of participation in the Thoroughbred industry inside of our borders. We are currently publishing 16 annual newsletters as part of our effort to shine a light on the successes of the participants in the state. The O.T.B.O. also publishes the statewide stakes brochure and press releases concerning current events in Ohio.

A major service we provide is organizing the Ohio Thoroughbred Fall Mixed Sale. It is a large task that involves many levels of involvement and coordination. Most importantly, the sale provides a venue for Ohioans to sell and purchase statebred horses who will eventually take part in the growing Ohio Fund program – both in purses and breeder's awards.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

Editors note: this list was compiled in mid-membership drive, please forgive any omissions.

BREED AND RACE IN OHIO WHERE THE ACTION IS YEAR-ROUND!

2019 LIVE RACING AND SIMULCAST DATES

MAHONING VALLEY 100 LIVE RACE DAYS

• Jan. 2 - April 23; Oct. 27 - Dec. 30 • SIMULCASTING daily with exception of certain holidays
Racing Secretary: Ed Vomacka 330-505-8700

BELTERRA PARK 93 LIVE RACING DAYS

• April 26 - September 29 • SIMULCASTING daily with exception of certain holidays
Racing Secretary: Bill Couch 513-354-8416

THISTLEDOWN 100 LIVE RACE DAYS

• April 30 - Oct. 20 • SIMULCASTING daily with exception of certain holidays
Racing Secretary: Patrick Ellsworth 216-438-6840

2019 Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund Stakes Schedule: May—July

DATE	*DAY*	*STAKE*	*AGE/CONDITION*	*TRACK*	*DISTANCE*	*PURSE*
4-May	**Saturday**	**Dr. T.F. Classen Memorial Stakes**	3-Year-Old & up Accredited (F&M)	Thistledown	6 furlongs	75,000
4-May	**Saturday**	**Tall Stack Stakes**	3-Year-Old	Belterra Park	6½ furlongs	75,000
11-May	**Saturday**	**Michael F. Rowland Memorial Handicap**	3-Year-Old & up Accredited	Thistledown	6 furlongs	75,000
12-May	**Sunday**	**Tomboy Stakes**	3-Year-Old (F)	Belterra Park	1⅛ miles (T)	75,000
26-May	**Sunday**	**Green Carpet Stakes**	3-Year-Old	Belterra Park	1⅛ miles (T)	75,000
1-Jun	**Saturday**	**Michael G. Mackey Memorial-Angenora Stakes**	3-Year-Old & up (F&M)	Thistledown	6 furlongs	75,000
8-Jun	**Saturday**	**Sydney Gendelman Memorial Handicap**	3-Year-Old & up	Belterra Park	1⅛ miles (T)	75,000
22-Jun	**Saturday**	**George Lewis Memorial**	3-Year-Old & up Accredited	Thistledown	1⅛ miles	75,000
22-Jun	**Saturday**	**J. William Petro Memorial Handicap**	3-Year-Old & up (F&M)	Thistledown	1⅛ miles	75,000
29-Jun	**Saturday**	**Daniel Stearns Cleveland Gold Cup**	3-Year-Old	Thistledown	1⅛ miles	75,000
6-Jul	**Saturday**	**Hoover Stakes**	2-Year-Old	Belterra Park	5½ furlongs	75,000
6-Jul	**Saturday**	**Cincinnatian Stakes**	3-Year-Old Accredited (F)	Belterra Park	1⅛ miles (T)	75,000
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Mick Ruis and his secret stallions

by Emily Shields

Longtime horseman Mick Ruis was not only born and raised in California, but also has homes there. He originally planned on having his broodmares and stallions there, too, but the lure of the Pennsylvania breeding program was too strong.

"When I found out about the program, it was a no brainer," Ruis said. "I had to make a decision, and the decision was that I wanted to be a Pennsylvania breeder."

What makes the program so appealing?

"The incentives they give make it a clear choice, business-wise," Ruis explained. "And there are three tracks in the state and another seven or eight nearby you can run at. It made sense to spend more time on the East Coast."

One of Ruis' first Pennsylvania experiences came with The Critical Way, a PA-bred by Tizway bred by Blackstone Farm. In 2017, The Critical Way won the $100,000 Danzig Stakes in just his second start, shipping in from Santa Anita to score. "That's what started me on it," Ruis said. "There's a lot of good races where you can make good money for a Pennsylvania-bred. I'm excited about that."

Blackstone Farm, an operation shared by partners Christian Black, Mark Weissman, and Douglas Black, recently had a banner runner with Pennsylvania-bred Tom's Ready, a millionaire who retired after the 2017 season. Blackstone sold him for $145,000 as a yearling. The farm is going to be an important part of Ruis' expansion into the Keystone State. Ruis shipped 18 mares into the Pine Grove outfit, as well as two young stallions. Eleven of the mares were bred in California and are foaling in Pennsylvania this spring.

And with the two stallions, War Envoy and Saburo, Ruis has much to anticipate.

War Envoy, by War Front—La Conseillante, by Elusive Quality, is royally bred. His dam was a stakes winner in France; she went on to produce a $750,000 yearling in Falaise—now an unraced sophomore—a $300,000 broodmare in Beychevelle, and a $150,000 juvenile in Kate's Winnie. War Envoy himself won twice in 26 starts, but earned $494,781 racing against some of the

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best of his generation. He started his career in England and Ireland, placing in multiple group stakes, then came to America for the 2014 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf-G1 at Santa Anita. War Envoy actually went favored that day, but finished well back.

After returning to Europe, War Envoy won a handicap at Ascot before moving to the United States permanently in 2015. He contested the Sandy Lane Barbaros Gold Cup-G1 in Barbados and finished third, then later was one of the runners in the inaugural Pegasus World Cup Invitational-G1. War Envoy was retired in 2017 with 10 top three finishes to his name.

Saburo, a $600,000 juvenile, is by Medaglia d'Oro and out of the stakes placed Lemon Drop Kid mare Kid Majic. She produced 2015 Sovereign Award Champion Older Mare and Champion Female Sprinter Miss Mischief, a graded stakes winner of over half a million dollars. Second dam Call Her Magic, by Caller I.D., won eight of 14 starts, including two stakes races. She is also the dam of J P's Gusto, a lightning-fast juvenile who won the Del Mar Futurity-G1 and $811,760. He ultimately sired Puerto Rican Grade 1 winner Remember Willy and dual stakes-placed Epic Journey.

Saburo's physical and female family made him a slam dunk as a purchase, but he was injured shortly after making his first two starts. "They are both strapping individuals and nicely bred," Christian Black said. "Saburo was a very promising horse that showed talent before he was injured. His dam was a stakes performer in her own right. Physically he's a beautiful horse."

Both stallions are being used privately in 2019, but Ruis is giving thought to making them available to the public in 2020, although the stallions would have to be moved from Blackstone due to the setup there. There is one other son of War Front standing in Pennsylvania, Peace and Justice at Northview PA. The only other son of Medaglia d'Oro in the state is Warrior's Reward.

Saburo and War Envoy's first foals are being born this season. "Their first crop of foals are really nicely boned and looking good," Ruis said.

He is grateful for Black's help; both men note they have been friends a long time, and Ruis is proud that Black is, "well known in the business."

"We have a good relationship," Black said of Ruis. "He wanted Pennsylvania-breds and to be part of the Pennsylvania breeding program. He'd been exploring it through conversations we've had in the past, and it all just came together."

And Ruis's expansion into Pennsylvania may not stop with breeding. "When this crop becomes 2-year-olds, I would love to eventually have them train out of there," Ruis said. "I have my daughter training for me at Santa Anita, and I could have an assistant train for me in Pennsylvania."

A few words from the Executive Secretary

Breeding season is well on its way so if you haven't booked your mare yet don't miss the opportunity. Go to pabred.com and take a look at our Stallion and Boarding Farm Directory. It's not too late to take part in the best breeding program in the country!

This year's Iroquois Banquet will again be held at The Hotel Hershey, on Friday, June 7 beginning with cocktails at 5:30 p.m. Come out and help us honor our PA-Bred Stakes and Award Winners. It's a great opportunity to share your ideas with the leading breeders in Pennsylvania, meet our board members or just come out for an evening of fun.

On Saturday, June 1, Penn National will be hosting one of the biggest race nights of the year, featuring the $500,000 Penn Mile for 3-year-olds, two 6-furlong $100,000 PA Bred stakes for 3-year-olds—the Danzig for the boys and the New Start for the girls—and four MATCH Series stakes. What a day! Hope to see you there.

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Please contact the racing offices for the most current schedules.

Sat., April 27 Parx	**$100,000 Lyman S**, 3 & up, 7 fur.
	$100,000 Foxy J. G. S, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 7 fur.
Sat., June 1 Penn	**$100,000 Danzig S**, 3YO, 6 fur.
	$100,000 New Start S, 3YO fillies, 6 fur.
Sun., June 9 Penn	**$100,000 Lyphard S**, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 1/16 mi., turf
	$100,000 Robellino S, 3 & up, 1 1/16 mi., turf
Sat., June 22 Parx	**$100,000 Crowd Pleaser S**, 3YO, 1 1/16 mi., turf
	$100,000 Power by Far S, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 5 fur., turf
Sun., July 7 PID	**$100,000 Leematt S**, 3 & up, 1 mi.
	$100,000 Northern Fling S, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 mi.
Sat., Aug. 3 Parx	**$100,000 Banjo Picker Sprint S**, 3 & up, 6 fur.
PA Day At Races	**$100,000 Roanoke S**, 3 & up, 1 1/16 mi.
	$100,000 Marshall Jenney S, 3 & up, 5 fur., turf
	$100,000 Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial S, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 6 fur.
	$100,000 Mrs. Penny S, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 1/16 mi., turf
Mon., Sept. 9 PID	**$100,000 Malvern Rose S**, 3YO fillies, 1 mi.
Sat., Sept. 21, Parx	**$100,000 Alphabet Soup S**, 3 & up, 1 1/16 mi., turf
	$100,000 Plum Pretty S, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 1/16 mi.
Mon., Sept. 23 PID	**$100,000 Mark McDermott S**, 2YO, 6 fur.
	$100,000 Mrs. Henry D. Paxson Memorial S, 2YO fillies, 6 fur.
Wed., Nov. 27 Penn	**$100,000 Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies S**, 2YO fillies, 6 fur.
Sat., Dec. 7 Parx	**$100,000 Pennsylvania Nursery S**, 2YO, colts & geldings, 7 fur.

Total: $2,750,000

PA-Bred Fund Statistics: Top Earners

January 1 through February 28, 2019

LEADING EARNERS - TOTAL AWARDS

Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total	Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total
Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	37,986	12,757	50,743	Fantasy Lane Stable Inc.	12,883	9,317	22,200
Northview Stallion Station Inc.	0	47,641	47,641	Richard A. Malouf	20,608	0	20,608
Pewter Stable	38,487	3,200	41,687	Stonehedge Farm of PA/Equivine Farm	18,985	0	18,985
Glenn E. Brok LLC	19,908	17,125	37,033	Godstone Farm LP	15,588	3,118	18,706
Arrowwood Farm Inc.	35,055	0	35,055	Barlar LLC	10,295	6,913	17,208
Donald L. Brown Jr.	25,923	6,481	32,403	William J. Solomon VMD	4,728	12,327	17,055
Cavanaugh Breen Farm LLC	30,576	0	30,576	Menotti Lembo	16,464	0	16,464
Peter Giangiulio	26,488	2,016	28,504	Charles Fiumano	15,456	0	15,456
Blackstone Farm LLC	27,604	0	27,604	Edward H. Stone	15,456	0	15,456
Spring Run Farm LLC	27,418	0	27,418	Silver Trail Stables LLC	14,610	0	14,610
Dennis Johnson	25,827	0	25,827	Chuck Russo	11,928	2,386	14,314
Godric LLC	25,296	0	25,296	Everest Stables Inc.	8,966	4,723	13,689

LEADING STALLIONS

Fund Money includes Stallion Awards only

Stallion Name	Stallion Owner / Manager	No. of Races	Award Total	Stallion Name	Stallion Owner / Manager	No. of Races	Award Total
Jump Start	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	67	22,735	Power by Far	Barbara J. Geraghty	3	3,724
El Padrino	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	21	15,822	Winchill	Pewter Stable	2	3,200
Weigelia	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	45	12,757	Rockport Harbor	William J. Solomon VMD	10	3,151
Mad Flatter	Glenn E. Brok LLC	17	9,803	Well Spelled	Godstone Farm LP	3	3,118
Uptowncharlybrown	Fantasy Lane Stable Inc.	10	9,317	Any Given Saturday	William J. Solomon VMD	23	2,888
E Dubai	Barlar LLC	9	6,913	Medallist	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	10	2,820
Talent Search	Glenn E. Brok LLC	16	6,629	Albert the Great	William J. Solomon VMD	13	2,513
Messner	Donald L. Brown Jr.	9	6,481	Il Villano	Chuck Russo	6	2,386
Silver Train	Henry R. Nothhaft	23	5,257	Toccet	Castleton Lyons Inc.	1	2,100
Petionville	Everest Stables Inc.	12	4,723	Harry the Hat	Peter Giangiulio	4	2,016
Fairbanks	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	19	4,455	Corinthian	William J. Solomon VMD	15	1,772
Smarty Jones	Patricia L. Chapman	28	4,326	Eurosilver	Dromoland Farm Inc.	10	1,728

LEADING HORSES

Fund Money includes: PA-Bred Races, Breeder and Stallion Awards and PA-Bred Owner-Bonus Payments

Horse	Pedigree	Breeder	Races	Restricted	Stakes	Breeder Award	Stallion Award	Owner Bonus	Total
Promised Storm *	El Padrino - Innovative	Cavanaugh Breen Farm LLC	2	0	0	25,536	6,384	18,240	50,160
Dennis' Diamond *	E Dubai - Snow Sprite	Dennis Johnson	4	0	0	25,827	6,457	12,448	44,732
Midnightcharly *	Uptowncharlybrown - Torchwood	Godric LLC	2	0	0	25,296	6,324	11,040	42,660
Thiscatcanjump *	Jump Start - Cat Mistress	Richard A. Malouf	2	0	0	20,608	5,152	14,720	40,480
Eldora *	El Padrino - Broad Gale	Spring Run Farm LLC	1	0	0	18,900	3,780	10,800	33,480
Not in the Mood *	Power by Far - I Disagree	Peter Giangiulio	3	0	0	16,408	3,724	10,640	30,772
Glowing Star *	Mad Flatter - Glowing Rate	Menotti Lembo	2	0	0	16,464	3,612	10,320	30,396
Jump For Alex *	Jump Start - Elena Says Hello	Edward H. Stone	1	0	0	15,456	3,864	11,040	30,360
Tiz Fair *	Fairbanks - Tiz Beverly	Charles Fiumano	1	0	0	15,456	3,864	11,040	30,360
Chasing My Halo *	Weigelia - Halo Effect	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	3	0	0	17,346	4,336	5,704	27,386
Grand Blue Harbor *	Rockport Harbor - Grand Miz Blue	Silver Trail Stables LLC	4	0	0	14,610	2,981	8,516	26,107
Nancy B	Afleet Alex - Party Fever	Charles J. Zacney	2	0	0	10,584	0	13,680	24,264
The Circle Game	Oxbow - Dixieland Knockout	Pewter Stable	2	0	0	11,183	0	12,780	23,963
D T Goodie *	Jump Start - Free Strike	Donald Clifford Wilson	2	0	0	13,216	3,304	7,440	23,960
Every Step *	Messner - Every Breath	Donald L. Brown Jr.	3	0	0	14,534	3,634	3,696	21,864
Ironbound *	Talent Search - Posse in Effect	Ney Pessanha	2	0	0	11,462	2,866	7,176	21,504
Aspen Xtreme	Eskendereya - Redaspen	Stonehedge Farm PA/Equivine Farm	2	0	0	10,308	0	10,800	21,108
Izzadora Bella	Hey Chub - White Eye Julia I.	Joe-Dan Farm Inc.	2	0	0	8,624	0	12,320	20,944
Celesse	Line of David - Cherokee Moonlight	Horseshoe Valley Equine Center LLC	2	0	0	8,008	0	11,440	19,448
Saint Main Event	Redeemed - Lucky Notion	Daniel W. McConnell Sr.	1	0	0	7,896	0	11,280	19,176
Arch Contender	Archarcharch - Lola's Love	Blackstone Farm LLC	3	0	0	7,784	0	11,120	18,904
Gotta Be Strong	Strong Mandate - Gotta Rush	Scott Naylor	1	0	0	7,728	0	11,040	18,768
Grit'n'grind *	Jump Start - See the Forest	Marshall K. Gramm	2	0	0	9,453	2,363	6,752	18,568
Flattering Ruby *	Mad Flatter - Precious Lily	Luana J. Johnson	2	0	0	10,752	2,688	4,480	17,920

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Aiken Trials a memorable event

BARRY BORNSTEIN

Under a clear sky and temperatures just north of chilly, the 77th running of the Aiken Trials was held March 16. The day began with the dedication of the refurbished clocker's stand in the memory of Cot Campbell, a Pillars of the Turf member and a resident of Aiken since 1987.

The day consisted of six Thoroughbred Trials and five pony races. In the Trials, 2-year-olds covered a quarter-mile while the older horses went 4½ furlongs.

Winners during the day included Gustav Schickedanz's Roansmoke, trained by Mike Keogh and ridden by Tim McKinsey. Schickedanz and Don Howard's Silver Sheriff won the feature, the City of Aiken Cup. He is also trained by Mike Keogh and was ridden by Kaitlan Montgomery.

Two winners came from Cary Frommer's stable. Gnarly Mo is owned by Hillwood Stable and was ridden by Alex Thomas. Also trained by Frommer is Becky Davis' Bourbon Courage colt ridden by Sarah Cundith.

The first 2-year-old heat was captured by Eileen Gilbert and Larry Butler's Dancers Ghost. Trained by Legacy Stable (Brad Stauffer and Ron Stevens), Dancers Ghost was ridden by Mattie Burns.

Travis Durr came over from the Webb Carroll Training Center in St. Matthews with Maribeth Sanford's Eloquent Lady, who proved best in her heat. She was ridden by Alfredo Ignacio.

57th Elloree Trials bring sunshine, huge crowd and lots of fun

MAGGIE KIMMITT

A beautiful, sunny day, great tailgating, and 11 exciting horse races brought visitors from as far away as Murfreesboro, Tenn., Auburn, Ala., and Hayesville and Raleigh, N.C. to the 57th running of the Elloree Trials. The event is conducted each year at "Goree" Smith's Elloree Training Center.

Multiple training winners were turned in by Travis Durr, winning Race 1 with That's My Jess and Race 4 with Whiskey Glasses, and Jason McCutchen with winners in Race 8 (Big Bruiser) and Race 3 (Tote Board).

The feature race of the day, the Elloree Cup, run as Race 11, was won by Black Steel, out of the Robbie Shuler barn. Black Steel outdueled She Got It in an exciting stretch run to get the win in a time of :50.96 for the half mile.

The crowd left saying what a great time was had by all and let's start planning for the 58th running next year.

Beautiful day for Aiken Steeplechase

BARRY BORNSTEIN

A crowd estimated to be about 35,000 showed up on a beautiful Saturday in Aiken for the 53rd running of the Aiken Spring Steeplechase March 23. Six races were held with two on the flat and four over brush hurdles.

Trainer Ricky Hendriks had a big day with three winners. Debra Kachel's Capo Dei Capi and Argentic (Fr) won the flat races. Ross Geraghty was the jockey on both. The Hendriks-trained Indigo Heart won the day's feature, the

Aiken *continued*

Budweiser Imperial Cup. Indigo Heart is owned by Morning Star Farm and was ridden by Jack Doyle.

Trainer Katherine Neilson had two wins on the day over hurdles. Her own Soluble (Ger) captured the co-feature, the G.H. Bostwick, with Sean McDermott in the irons. Irv Naylor's Change of View was a winner also with McDermott riding.

Mason Hardaway Lampton's Maccabee was declared the winner in a race ending in a very exciting head bob finish. The apparent winner was disqualified for interference in the stretch run. Maccabee is trained by Lilith Boucher and was ridden by her husband, Richard.

Racing Across the Nation

An unusually quiet month for South Carolina farm and training center graduates. Between Feb. 21 and March 20, three grads entered the winner's circle following stakes races in Kentucky, Florida and Maryland.

On March 9, Princess Warrior came from off the pace in the Latonia Stakes at Turfway Park. Coming from eighth, she rallied up the rail in the stretch and pulled clear for a 3¾-length victory. Princess Warrior learned her early lessons under the watchful eye of Cary Frommer in Aiken.

On the same day, Concrete Rose proved best in the Grade 3 Florida Oaks at Tampa Bay Downs. While fourth racing three wide, this 3-year-old filly accelerated in the stretch, crossing the finish line a half-length in front. Concrete Rose has won three of four lifetime starts, two graded stakes. She was prepared for her racing career in Aiken by Justin Wojczynski.

Lewisfield has spent time in South Carolina at the Elloree Training Center and Shuler Stables. On March 16, he quickly took the lead enroute to his second consecutive Not For Love Stakes at Laurel Park. He improved his position at every call, being much the best by 3¼ lengths.

South Carolina-trained winners

Horse	*Training Center*	*Date*	*Track*	*Type of Race*
LEWISFIELD	Elloree Training Center/Shuler Stables	3/16/19	Laurel Park	Not For Love S
T Rex Express	Shuler Stables	3/16/19	Charles Town	Allowance
Bunting	Aiken - Cary Frommer	3/15/19	Laurel Park	Maiden special weight
Today Comes Once	Webb Carroll Training Center	3/15/19	Aqueduct	Maiden special weight
Shacklette	Elloree Training Center	3/13/19	Gulfstream Park	Starter allowance
Blue Shine	Webb Carroll Training Center	3/11/19	Parx Racing	Starter allowance
Brushing	Elloree Training Center	3/10/19	Laurel Park	Claiming
CONCRETE ROSE	Aiken - Justin Wojczynski	3/9/19	Tampa Bay Downs	Florida Oaks-G3
Latent Revenge	Elloree Training Center	3/9/19	Fair Grounds	Allowance
PRINCESS WARRIOR	Aiken - Cary Frommer	3/9/19	Turfway Park	Latonia S
Venetian Princess	Webb Carroll Training Center	3/9/19	Tampa Bay Downs	Maiden special weight
Mizzen Colony	Elloree Training Center	3/8/19	Delta Downs	Maiden special weight
Chauncey	Elloree Training Center	3/7/19	Oaklawn Park	Allowance
Mackenzie's Star	Shuler Stables	3/7/19	Charles Town	Allowance
Tiz McNamara	Elloree Training Center	3/7/19	Oaklawn Park	Maiden special weight
Vegas Appeal	Elloree Training Center	3/7/19	Penn National	Allowance
Maggie Pie	Aiken - Legacy Stable	3/2/19	Sam Houston	Maiden special weight
Clubman	Aiken - Cary Frommer	2/28/19	Laurel Park	Allowance
Turner Ashby	Shuler Stables	2/28/19	Charles Town	Maiden special weight
Two Swords	Aiken - Legacy Stable	2/28/19	Laurel Park	Claiming
West Texas	Elloree Training Center	2/28/19	Fair Grounds	Claiming
Clyde's Image	Custom Care - Donna Freyer	2/24/19	Gulfstream Park	Allowance
Formal Start	Webb Carroll Training Center	2/23/19	Aqueduct	Allowance
Hollis	McCutchen Training Center	2/23/19	Tampa Bay Downs	Allowance
Nigel's Destiny	Custom Care - Donna Freyer	2/23/19	Tampa Bay Downs	Starter handicap
Irish Hustle	Kirkwood Stables	2/22/19	Fair Grounds	Maiden special weight
Mattyice	Aiken - Cary Frommer/Shuler Stables	2/21/19	Charles Town	Allowance
Mr. Dougie Fresh	Webb Carroll Training Center	2/21/19	Aqueduct	Allowance
Red Gum	Custom Care - Donna Freyer	2/21/19	Laurel Park	Allowance
Showalter	Webb Carroll Training Center	2/21/19	Laurel Park	Claiming

VIRGINIA

Spring Point-to-Point Season In Virginia Is Winding Down

Talk Less and rider Jacob Roberts win at the Piedmont Hunt Point-to-Point. Photo by Douglas Lees.

The seven week spring Point-to-Point season is nearing completion in Virginia. The weekend series started in March with the Warrenton Hunt on the 16th and continued with the Orange County and Piedmont meets. The Old Dominion and Loudon Hunt events followed in early April. The series wraps up with the Blue Ridge and Middleburg Hunt Point-to-Points on Sunday April 21st and 28th.

The Virginia Equine Alliance initiated a new starter reward program this year called "Point to Points Pay" where any horse either owned or trained by a Virginian received a $200 reward for each event they participated in. Through the first four weekends of the spring season, $17,800 in rewards have been paid.

One of the spring stars is Talk Less, who has collected a pair of wins and a third in three editions of the $2,000 Virginia-Bred/Sired Flat which has been held most weekends. The 5-year-old Blame gelding, bred by Mrs. C. Oliver Iselin III, came into the campaign with $75,000 in earnings. He prevailed at the Old Dominion and Piedmont Fox Hounds meets and took third in Warrenton. Talk Less is out of the Afleet Alex mare, Aristra.

Entries and results for the meets can be found at www.centralentryoffice.com.

94th Running of the Virginia Gold Cup Races Set For May 4th

Highlight of the annual steeplechase calendar is the 94th running of Virginia Gold Cup Races which is set for Saturday May 4th at Great Meadow in The Plains. The afternoon festivities generally attract 70,000 spectators and feature both a tailgate and hat contest, terrier races and nine horse races --- six hurdle/timber events followed by three flat races. Betting is available on all the races including the simulcast of the Kentucky Derby, which finishes out the day. General admission and Members Hill admission passes are on sale at local retailers, at www.vagoldcup.com or by calling 540-347-2612. The 82nd running of the International Gold Cup is scheduled for Saturday October 26th.

Two other popular steeplechase meets are also on tap soon. The Middleburg Spring Races will be held April 20th at Glenwood Park and the Foxfield Spring Races will contested in Charlottesville on April 27th.

Virginia Thoroughbred Championship Awards Reception Scheduled For May 3rd At Great Meadow

On Friday May 3rd, the VTA and Virginia Breeders Fund will present the annual Virginia Thoroughbred Championship Awards Reception at the trackside Turf Club tent at Great Meadow from 5:30 - 7:30 PM. The activities begin with wagering on the Kentucky Oaks and finish with the awards ceremony. Winners to be recognized include One Go All Go (Horse of the Year, Champion Turf Horse), Elusive Mischief (Champion 3 YO Male), Altamura (Champion 3 YO Filly), Long On Value (Champion Sprinter), Realm (Champion Dirt Male), Zanclus (Champion Over Fences) and Sadler's Joy (Champion Virginia Raised Horse). The William Backer Estate will be named Champion Virginia Breeder and Susan Cooney will be recognized as Champion Virginia Based Trainer.

Thoroughbred Racing Returns To Colonial Downs August 8th; Virginia Derby Set For August 31st

Thoroughbred racing will make its highly anticipated return to Colonial Downs in New Kent this summer. The five week, fifteen day meet will begin August 8th and continue thru September 7th with racing scheduled every Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 5 PM.

Susan Cooney (left) will be recognized as Champion Virginia Based Trainer on May 3rd. She is pictured with VTA Executive Director Debbie Easter.

Virginia Certified Big Brown Cat wins his second straight race at Aqueduct on April 7th. Photo by Adam Coglianese.

A special Labor Day program will be held on Monday September 2nd at 1 PM.

The Virginia-bred/sired stakes schedule is also set, pending Virginia Racing Commission approval. The first Saturday card on August 10th will feature a four pack of $100,000 stakes --- the M. Tyson Gilpin, Meadow Stable, Nellie Mae Cox and Edward Evans stakes. Closing day's card will include five $100,000 stakes --- the Punch Line, Camptown, Bert Allen, Brookmeade and Jamestown stakes. More details including a list of conditions is at www.vabred.org. The open stakes schedule for the season is still being finalized.

Colonial's first Rosie's Gaming Emporium site will open at the New Kent track on April 23rd and feature 600 historical horse racing terminals along with live simulcast wagering. After the two week soft opening, an official grand opening celebration will take place on Kentucky Oaks Day, Friday May 3rd. Locations are set for the next three Rosie's sites. The next to open is in Vinton, located just outside of Roanoke, followed by a Richmond location and one in Hampton. A site in Chesapeake is being pursued. The Colonial Downs Group is making a $300 million investment in the Commonwealth and will create 800 jobs by the end of 2019. Details on all Rosie's sites and thoroughbred racing's revival are at www.colonialdowns.com.

Certified Residency Program Produces 43 Bonus Winners In First Quarter of 2019

The new Virginia Certified Residency Program continues to produce strong early returns. For the first quarter of 2019, a total of 43 bonus winners received an average reward of $4,169. All of these are three-year-old winners from the first crop of 464 Certified horses. A total of one million dollars has been budgeted to give away in bonuses this year. As two-year-olds in 2018, the same group produced 47 winners and an average bonus of $4,625.

One of the 2019 success stories so far is Big Brown Cat, won has won two straight at Aqueduct. The three-year-old Big Brown filly authored a gate-to-wire effort in a $50,000 claiming race there April 7th. Jockey Ben Hernandez led the New York-bred to a five length triumph in that six furlong dirt race. On February 15th, she wired the field in a 5 1/2 furlong maiden claimer. Owner Robert Valeri received a 25% bonus for both victories. Big Brown Cat spent her six month residency at Woodberry Payne's Ingleside Training Center in Montpelier Station.

A Certified horse is a horse registered by The Jockey Club, conceived and foaled outside of Virginia, that maintains residency in Virginia for at least a six month consecutive period prior to December 31st of its two-year-old year. Owners of Virginia-Certified horses are eligible for 25% Owners Bonuses for wins at Mid-Atlantic racetracks (NY, NJ, PA, DE, WV, MD & VA). More details and a list of partner farms and training centers is at www.vabred.org.

52-1 Virginia-Bred Longshot Out for a Spin Wins Grade I Ashland Stakes

Virginia-bred Out for a Spin made headline news when she captured the Grade I, $500,000 Ashland Stakes at Keeneland's April 6th opening weekend card.

The 3-year-old Hard Spun filly, sent off at odds of 52-1, entered stakes competition for the first time. The Dallas Stewart trainee picked up 100 points with the win to rank fifth on the Kentucky Oaks leaderboard. She, along with runners-up Restless Rider and Jaywalk, are expected to meet again at Churchill Downs May 3rd in the Oaks.

Out for a Spin was bred by the William Backer Revocable Estate and is out of the Came Home mare, My Mammy. She has bankrolled $354,903 from three wins and a second. She won her first two races at Fair Grounds --- a maiden special weight December 29th and an allowance optional claimer March 16th.

Virginia-bred Out for a Spin captures the Grade I Ashland Stakes at Keeneland April 6th. Photo by Coady Photography.

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Legislating life back into a local icon

As the federal government attempts to supplant the powers of states rights preserved in the Constitution, many individual legislative bodies acknowledge the intent of our Founding Fathers and proceed to enact bills that, "concern the lives, liberties, and properties of the people, and the internal order, improvement, and prosperity of the State."

Decisions that are made concerning the welfare of its constituents should be formulated in close proximity to those it affects most.

In the latest battle for Thoroughbred horse racing's survival, one of Jefferson County's administrative knights in shining armor, is Delegate Paul Espinosa.

The name Espinosa is a generational one in the annals of West Virginia Thoroughbred horse racing. Could you expound on your family's lineage and their impact on the past and present racing environment?

Involvement in the West Virginia Thoroughbred racing industry spans four generations in my family beginning with my maternal grandfather, Samuel J. Gilman Sr., who owned and trained horses at Charles Town and later served as a jockey's agent.

My father, Victor Espinosa Sr., began his riding career at the Hipodromo de las Americas race track in Mexico City, Mexico, and rode for my grandfather, who conditioned a stable of horses there in the mid 1950s. After meeting my mother, Faye Espinosa, my father emigrated to the United States where he continued his riding career through the late 1970s before hanging up his tack and training a public stable and managing a small breeding operation.

My uncle Maurice Espinosa also rode here alongside my father and was later a valet at Charles Town.

My brother Victor Espinosa Jr., my sisters Michelle Espinosa Johnson and Mindy Espinosa, and I all worked on the backstretch. In addition to assisting at our father's stable, my brother and I groomed and walked hots for the late conditioner Henry P. Mercer, and my sister Mindy rubbed horses for trainer James W. Casey. My sister Michelle was a member of the racing secretary's staff and later served in the license clerk's office.

Our son Paul Espinosa Jr. currently serves as the track announcer at Charles Town and my nieces have also been actively involved in the industry.

The political arena of today is filled with diversity and discord. How do you maintain loyalty to your constituents, especially the horsemen, which comprise a large voting body?

As a third-generation horseman, I've welcomed the opportunity to advocate for the Thoroughbred horse racing industry and, as Majority Whip, am fortunate to be in a position to advance industry-friendly legislation.

The 134 members of the legislature each represent their diverse districts and during my four terms in the West Virginia House of Delegates, I've worked to educate my colleagues on the importance of the racing and breeding industry to our local and state economy and commend the CTHBPA, the WVTBA, Racing United and other industry advocacy groups for their efforts to tell our story. I've approached

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my advocacy with the perspective that the horsemen and track management are in this together and will be most successful if they can present a united front at the Capitol.

Recent legislation has granted the horse industry a renewed sense of hope. Could you talk about what has changed in the State Capitol and what was it like to be on the front lines of this heated debate?

I believe our successes this year, particularly the restoration of approximately $11 million in annual purse money through SB 13, the enactment of HB 3021 that reinvests industry fees and fines for the benefit of the industry, and the House passage of HB 2837 that would have authorized advance deposit wagering, are a direct result of our advocacy in recent years and Eastern Panhandle representation in the legislative leadership.

While our state's economic resurgence has buoyed our efforts, I have to commend Senate Finance Chairman Craig Blair and House Finance Chairman Eric Householder for their steadfast support of the Thoroughbred industry and the entire Eastern Panhandle delegation for their efforts to secure the needed support for these legislative proposals. I also acknowledge the support of Governor Jim Justice and his administration for the Thoroughbred racing industry.

What can horseman's organizations like the CTHPBA and WVTBA do to further their cause and secure the future for Thoroughbred horse racing in your home state?

I believe the CTHBPA and WVTBA have played a pivotal role in putting a face to the Thoroughbred racing industry for the legislature to see and I applaud them, and their colleagues from Mountaineer Park, for making the effort to be at the Capitol regularly to engage legislators. I think the Women in Racing legislative luncheon, hosted by former Delegate Jill Upson last year and Senate Education Chair Patricia Rucker this session, has been particularly impactful – again helping legislators see the people behind the industry.

We've also been successful in attracting legislative and administration leadership to our marquee events in recent years including the West Virginia Breeders Classics and the Charles Town Classic and I'd recommend continuing to expose state leaders to these Thoroughbred showcase events.

Are there any other members of your esteemed profession that deserve to be recognized for their determined efforts?

As I've noted above, Chairman Blair, Chairman Householder, and Chairman Rucker have been very supportive. I also have to thank former Delegates Upson and Riley Moore for their advocacy in recent years. Delegate Jason Barrett has been supportive in his caucus as have been Delegates Doyle and Brown.

The Northern Panhandle delegations, with tracks in or near their districts, have also been very supportive. Majority Leader Amy Summers has expressed an interest in attending this year's West Virginia Breeders Classics and hopefully we'll be able to attract other members of leadership as well and I'll be happy to further assist in that effort"

Horsemen can be myopic at times, but this is an issue that has galvanized an entire industry.

Fortunately, we have men and women with gravitas, who defend the aperture for success and survival!

NOTES TO MEMBERS

- **The 10-10-10 program** is now called the **Supplemental Purse Award Claim**, for which there are new forms. All claims must be submitted to the WV Racing Commission within 15 days from the date the purse is awarded. Claim forms are available on the WV Racing Commission website, racing.wv.gov.
- If you are selling or planning to sell your accredited WV-bred and/or sired horse, please contact the WVTBA. The WVTBA has started supplying sellers of **accredited WV-bred and/or sired horses** with **hip stickers and stall-card stickers** to make it easier for buyers to identify these horses. Contact the WVTBA office at (304) 728-6868 or by e-mail at wvbreeders@gmail.com.
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- The new WVTBA office is located at 110 South George Street, Suite 4, Charles Town, WV 25414. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. More information may be found at www.wvtba.net.

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Making The Cup Runneth Over

The time-worn aphorism is that necessity is the mother of invention. How true. The necessity arose, and the invention was The Cup Runneth Over, an innovative and highly successful improvisation at Springdale Race Course in Camden, S.C., on April 6.

Without a doubt, the National Steeplechase Association was up against a necessity. In early March, the Tryon Block House races scheduled for April 13 were postponed to October because of rain-soaked course conditions.

Then, the Georgia Steeplechase scheduled for April 6 abruptly canceled its meet in mid-March. The prospect was daunting. With only timber races scheduled for My Lady's Manor on April 13, NSA horsemen were confronting two weekends without hurdle racing.

Moreover, carefully planned campaigns for horses aimed at Tryon and Georgia would be blown up. The situation was regrettable, and no clear alternative presented itself.

In the moments after the Georgia Steeplechase canceled, NSA Director of Racing Bill Gallo Jr. had a brainstorm. How about having a race meet largely for horsemen at Springdale Race Course one week after the Carolina Cup?

The NSA would put up the purse money and pay other expenses, and the Carolina Cup Racing Association would make Springdale available for the races. NSA President Guy J. Torsilieri conceded that he was a bit skeptical at first. But the more he thought about it, the more it made sense. He took the idea to the NSA Board of Directors' executive committee, and they signed on. Then the entire board approved.

Simultaneously, Torsilieri and Gallo approached John Cushman, the Carolina Cup Racing Association's vice chairman and executive director. He readily agreed and gave a name to the event, The Cup Runneth Over.

In phone calls and emails spanning 18 hours, The Cup Runneth Over was transformed from Gallo's idea into a realistic business plan. The NSA put up the $90,000 in purses, and the conditions closely mirrored both the Georgia Steeplechase and Tryon. Camden's steeplechase fans were welcomed at $40 per carload.

Orchestra Leader led over the last in The Cup Runneth Over's ratings handicap.
CATHERINE FRENCH PHOTO

To be sure, the Carolina Cup's experience in putting on race meets for 87 years was a huge advantage, and the day went off like clockwork.

The entry box was filled beyond capacity on April 1. Three of the afternoon's four hurdle races had also-eligible lists, and the other hurdle race had a capacity crowd of 10 entries for the $15,000 maiden claiming hurdle.

The afternoon's race for winners, the $25,000 ratings handicap for horses ranked 115 or lower, had 14 starters, the maximum on the spacious Springdale course. In all, 52 horses took the opportunity to run on April 6.

The ratings handicap marked the comeback of Orchestra Leader, a multiple feature-race winner in years past. He had been winless for his new ownership group, Team Ollie, a partnership headed by Keri Brion, assistant trainer to Jonathan Sheppard.

Through those 18 months of drought, Brion and her partners never lost faith in Orchestra Leader, known as Ollie around the barn, and their steadfast support paid off in The Cup Runneth Over's ratings handicap.

Ridden confidently by Brion, the 10-year-old veteran always was where he needed to be, jumped well, opened up in the stretch, and easily turned back a late charge by Pik Em to win by three-quarters of a length.

As the sun began to settle over Springdale's clubhouse turn, a race meet that had been conceived and announced within 18 hours three weeks earlier had proved to be a success—for the NSA, for its horsemen, and for jump racing.

Virginia Gold Cup and Iroquois highlight a busy May schedule

The National Steeplechase Association wraps up its spring 2019 season in May with several rich race meets, including the Virginia Gold Cup and the Iroquois Steeplechase on successive Saturdays, and three graded stakes races in addition to the timber classic Virginia Gold Cup.

In Thoroughbred racing, the first Saturday in May means the Kentucky Derby (Gr. 1) and the Virginia Gold Cup, the four-mile classic over the rolling Great Meadow course in The Plains.

The Virginia Gold Cup meet on May 4 will offer $420,000 in purses for an eight-race program and pari-mutuel wagering on all races.

In addition to the Virginia Gold Cup over timber, the meet will feature the $75,000 David Semmes Memorial (Gr. 2) for hurdle horses and the $40,000 Steeplethon Stakes over a course of mixed obstacles. Three flat races with purses totaling $115,000 also are on the program.

First post time is 12:30 p.m. for the popular meet, which annually attracts the largest crowd in American Steeplechasing.

The following day, the racing emphasis is all timber at the Winterthur Races in Delaware, where the feature will be the $41,000 Winterthur Bowl, marking the meet's 41st anniversary. First post time on the grounds of the Winterthur Museum and Country Estate is 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 5.

The spring's richest meet, the Iroquois Steeplechase, will kick off at Nashville's Percy Warner Park at 1 p.m. CDT on May 11. The 78th annual Iroquois will offer $450,000 in purses, plus $10,000 amateur bonus. Highlighting the program will be the $150,000 Calvin Houghland Iroquois (Gr. 1) for the sport's top hurdle horses.

Zanjabeel, left, won last year's Calvin Houghland Iroquois (Gr. 1) and went on to be voted the 2018 Eclipse Award winner as champion steeplechase horse.

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Also on the seven-race card are the $100,000 Marcellus Frost Champion Hurdle for novices, the $50,000 Margaret Currey Henley for fillies and mares, and the $25,000 Mason Houghland Memorial over timber.

The action heads to Eastern Pennsylvania's horse country on Mother's Day, May 12, for the 27th annual Willowdale Steeplechase in Kennett Square. The feature will be the $35,000 Willowdale Steeplechase over timber fences for amateur riders.

The following Saturday, May 18, the racing shifts to the Radnor Hunt Races in nearby Malvern. Radnor will offer $170,000 in purses and will feature the $40,000 National Hunt Cup, an allowance hurdle, and the $35,000 Radnor Hunt Cup.

The traditional wrap-up of the spring season is the historic Fair Hill Races, which will mark its 85th anniversary with two days of racing on May 24 and 25. A Friday twilight session will offer two flat training races and two timber races. One flat training race and one timber race will be limited to amateurs.

Saturday's seven-race pari-mutuel program will feature the $50,000 Iris Coggins Memorial for fillies and mares and the $40,000 Valentine Memorial Handicap.

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In Memoriam

LESLIE G. GLAZIER

Leslie G. Glazier, for decades one of Maryland's leading women trainers whose biggest score came with homebred Mt. Airy Queen in the 1977 Barbara Fritchie Handicap-G3, died in mid-February at her Mt. Airy home. She was 89.

With her husband Bill Holmes, Glazier operated Derby Hill Farm in Mt. Airy, which the couple had purchased in 1962. The 70-plus-acre farm was a multi-faceted facility, offering boarding, breeding, foaling and training. For a time in the 1980s and 1990s, Derby Hill stood as many as six stallions, including the likes of Hail Emperor, Hasty Spring and Providential (Ire).

Holmes oversaw the breeding stock on the farm, while Glazier was in charge of the racing division. Originally from Boston, Mass., Glazier graduated from Simmons College and wanted to attend vet school, but when she wasn't accepted into Cornell or the University of Pennsylvania, she turned to training. She got her trainer's license in the fall of 1953.

After marrying Holmes in 1954, the couple raced a small stable at tracks in Ohio and Kentucky before heading to Charles Town and Bowie and deciding to purchase a farm and settle down. In an August 1966 *The Maryland Horse* interview, Glazier said, "Maryland appealed to us because it was centrally located for the race tracks and because people told us it didn't get too cold. The first year we moved in, we were snowbound for a week."

Mt. Airy Queen, the first stakes winner bred by Holmes and Glazier, won Bowie's Kindergarten Stakes in 1975 and was weighted at 114 on the Experimental Free Handicap, five pounds below Eclipse Award winner Dearly Precious. The daughter of Dead Ahead won five stakes during her career, placed in five others while earning $158,928, and went on to produce four winners from five starters, including stakes-placed Rollicking Queen. Other stakes winners trained by Glazier included Quite Proper, Pass the Virtue and Itsa Bitter Day, the latter two for longtime friend and farm manager Susan L. Christiansen.

Holmes died in April 2000. Glazier continued training until November 2014 when health issues forced her retirement. During her 61-year training career, Glazier won more than 525 races.

Said Christiansen of the woman she called "Les" but around the track was known as "Mrs. G.": "She was the first at the track in the morning and knew everyone. She ran a small stable, but we had a lot of fun, ran a lot of places, and had a lot of nice horses." The Derby Hill Farm property is to be sold for development.

WILLIAM WOLFENDALE

William H. "Wolf" Wolfendale III, a regional trainer for more than 50 years, primarily in Maryland, died March 18 at home in Odenton. He was 74.

A winner of 1,670 races, Wolfendale was best known and well-respected for his magnanimous nature and his work with cheaper claiming horses. But the man described by fellow trainer and close friend A. Ferris Allen as a "big, good-looking, Marlboro Man kind of guy" was a stakes-winning trainer who ran a small farm and found work as a jockey agent, groom and horse van driver in later years.

Wolfendale's biggest year in earnings was in 1981, with $535,414 from 578 starts. Earlier in his career he sent out the winners of more than 100 races in a single season three times, setting a career high 150 wins in 1973 from 922 starts.

Growing up in Mars, Pa., a half-hour north of Pittsburgh, where his parents, William Jr. and Margaret Holden Wolfendale, owned show horses and hunters, he took out his training license at age of 20 when he bought some horses and raced them at old Waterford Park, now known as Mountaineer Park, in New Cumberland, W.Va. A leading trainer at Waterford, he came to Maryland in the early 1970s.

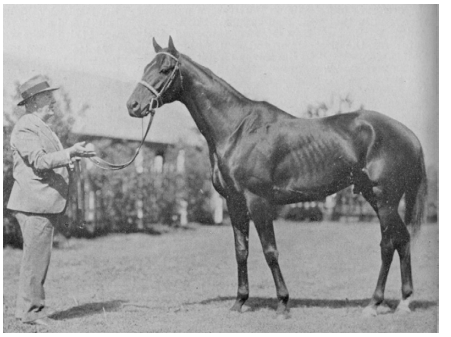
JIM MCCUE

"I remember when [Wolfendale] came in from Waterford Park," said Hall of Fame trainer King T. Leatherbury. "He was down there and he had a big stable of horses. He shipped in to Maryland and had all his horses in his own name, which was very unusual to be an owner-trainer and last very long." Among those who worked for him were his younger brother, Howard, who went on to have his own successful training career; Denver Beckner, now a steward at Charles Town; and Paul Seefeldt, brother of jockey Andrea Seefeldt.

Wolfendale trained on and off over the past dozen years, and maintained a small stable that included Eyerish Inspired, who finished third in a starter stakes on Maryland Million day last fall. His last winner came with El Grillo in a Laurel claiming race in March 2018. His final runner was 3-year-old Uncle Paul, who ran sixth March 1 in a maiden claimer at Laurel.

Cavalcade's Hall of Fame season was special

In the 20th century, 63 runners bred in the Mid-Atlantic were named national champions. Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred's *Cindy Deubler takes a look at one each month.*



Named for the 1933 Academy Award-winning best picture, Isabel Dodge Sloane's Cavalcade earned his own accolades the next year, winning six of seven starts, including the Kentucky Derby, and being named Horse of the Year and champion 3-year-old colt. His only loss in 1934 was by a nose in the Preakness to stablemate High Quest.

Imported in utero by F. Wallis Armstrong and considered an "English-bred" by many because of his parentage—*Lancegaye out of *Hastily, by Hurry On—Cavalcade was foaled at Armstrong's Meadowview Farms in Moorestown, N.J. At the Saratoga yearling sale, trainer Robert A. Smith picked out the colt and paid $1,200 on behalf of Sloane.

The daughter of Dodge automobile co-founder John Dodge, Sloane raced steeplechase horses under the Brookmeade Stable name with her husband George Sloane in the mid-1920s, but following her divorce in 1929, purchased a farm in Upperville, Va., she also called Brookmeade, and shifted her focus to flat runners.

Cavalcade was one of 11 yearlings Smith picked out at Saratoga for Sloane, and three became classic contenders after winning three of the most important races leading up to the Kentucky Derby—the Chesapeake Stakes at Havre de Grace (Cavalcade), Wood Memorial (High Quest) and Florida Derby (Time Clock).

Cavalcade showed talent at 2, never finishing worse than fourth in 11 starts. His first win came in the Hyde Park Stakes at Arlington Park in his third start at 90-1 when defeating the high-class Singing Wood, and he was stakes-placed five times that season.

Due to Cavalcade's success at 2, *Lancegaye was purchased and imported by Marion duPont Scott (at the time married to Thomas H. Somerville) and moved to her Montpelier Stud in Virginia.

Cavalcade didn't make his first start at 3 until April 25 at Havre de Grace, and equaled the track record of 1:41.80 for 1 mile and 70 yards. It served a prep for the Chesapeake three days later and proved to have sharpened him as the brown colt led throughout, easily holding off his chief rival, Discovery.

One week later Cavalcade and Discovery lined up against 11 others in the Kentucky Derby. A slow break put Cavalcade in mid-pack early, but he had no trouble reeling in Discovery, who had gained the lead at the top of the stretch, and pulled away to win by 2½ lengths.

Smith initially stated he would not to send Cavalcade postward for the Preakness, but there he was in the lineup seven days later and nearly pulled it off, just missing in a driving finish, with Discovery third. Bypassing the Belmont Stakes, Cavalcade faced Discovery once again, in Chicago in the American Derby in June. Giving the mighty Discovery eight pounds, Cavalcade won by 2 lengths. Sloane's hometown of Detroit was the next stop, and Cavalcade won the Detroit Derby "handily" as Discovery was off the board in the worst race of his career.

The Arlington Classic in July brought the two together yet again—but it was no contest as Cavalcade flew home 4 lengths on top. That would be the final victory of his career, as a quarter crack put an end to his season. Although he returned to make two starts at both 4 and 5, he never regained his championship form. Retired to stud, Cavalcade sired three stakes winners from 70 foals before his death at age 9. He was inducted into the National Hall of Fame in 1993, 24 years after Discovery.

Collections within a collection

The National Sporting Library and Museum in Middleburg, Va., is dedicated to preserving, sharing and promoting the literature, art and culture of horse and field sports. The following is by Lauren Kraut, Collections Manager at the National Sporting Library & Museum. Her primary focus is to maintain and preserve the works of art in the collection and on loan. For more, see nslmblog.wordpress.com.

We have more than 1,300 objects in the museum collection at the National Sporting Library & Museum. Those objects can be broken down into three categories of collections: permanent, study, and loan collections. Regardless of which collection an object belongs to, the motto is the same: we treat all objects with the same care and attention.

The objects in the permanent collection have been donated or bequeathed to the NSLM or purchased by the NSLM. An example of this would be *The Start of the Derby* (1845) by John Herring Sr. (English, 1795-1865), generously bequeathed to the museum in 2017. This is a wonderful painting by a popular British sporting artist and represents an ordinary moment in a unique style and tradition all his own. *The Start of the Derby* is part of the current *NSLMology: The Science of Sporting Art* exhibition.

The study collection is comprised of objects that are primarily used for research purposes. For instance, in *NSLMology*, we are including a bronze of a *Mare and Foal*, which visitors will be encouraged to touch. Wait. Why is this allowed when every sign in the museum says Do Not Touch? Because in this instance, the bronze is a later 20th-century casting. This does not make it less valuable, it is simply a later model, allowing visitors to get up close and personal with it.

Jument Arabe et son Paulain (An Arab Mare and Foal), *Pierre-Jules Mêne (French, 1810-1879), model 1850; cast early 20th century. Gift of the Estate of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Atkinson, 2014.*

Our last collection is our loan collection. In addition to the rare private lender, institutions frequently loan to and from one another and we are no exception.

Since we want to make sure different works of art are seen, and to allow the art to rest, we frequently rotate art from the different collections between being on-view and in storage.

Looking Back

50 years ago

■ Dr. John Rush Street Fisher, 33-year-old nephew to famed horseman Janon Fisher Jr., guided his own Landing Party to victory in the Maryland Hunt Cup. It was the fourth time in the past eight years a Fisher won the world's greatest timber race–Janon Fisher sent Mountain Dew out to victory in 1962, 1965 and 1967.

Both John and his wife Dolly came from families with long histories of involvement with the race–Dolly's grandfather, John O'Donovan, rode in the 1895 renewal and owned three-time winner Garry Owen; her father owned Myrmidon, runner-up to Blockade in 1940; and her uncle Hugh O'Donovan rode in five Maryland Hunt Cups (including Myrmidon in 1940) and owned 1956 winner Lancrel.

John, a non-practicing veterinarian who at one time managed Allaire duPont's Woodstock Farm in Chesapeake City, credited his wife for Landing Party's success. "She's galloped him, hunted him and worked with him day after day."

The 7-year-old Landing Party didn't make his first timber start until the previous October, but had hunted for two seasons. He was bred by Fendall Clagett, owner of Larking Hill Farm in Maryland.

The Fishers' son Jack (a Hunt Cup-winning trainer and jockey in 1994) is now a 12-time champion steeplechase trainer.

Dolly Fisher heads home with son Jack and the 1969 Maryland Hunt Cup trophy won by her husband John R.S. Fisher aboard the family's Landing Party.

■ Hal C.B. Clagett, an Upper Marlboro attorney, was elected president of the Maryland Horse Breeders Association. He wasn't the only member of the Clagett family to take on a prominent regional role–his brother, Fendall, was elected to a two-year term as president of the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association.

The new MHBA president–a Princeton graduate, Air Force colonel during World War II, an owner/breeder member of the association since 1951 and foxhunting enthusiast–was author of House Bill 106, which created the Maryland Fund program in 1962. In accepting the presidency, Clagett stated that he would "place emphasis during his administration on legislative matters pertaining to the Thoroughbred industry."

■ Record-breaking sales yearling Majestic Prince, trained by Hall of Fame rider John Longden and ridden by Hall of Famer Bill Hartack, remained undefeated when getting his eighth win after battling Paul Mellon's Virginia-bred Arts and Letters to the wire in the Kentucky Derby.

An exchange was caught after the race between trainer and jockey: "John," said Hartack, "I'm sure glad you weren't fit enough to ride this horse yourself."

"I'm thankful," replied the 62-year-old trainer, "that I've been fit enough to gallop him."

■ Elliott Burch, trainer of Arts and Letters, judged the MHBA's annual yearling show, selecting as champion a colt owned and bred by Mike Ford. The owner of 1966 Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner Kauai King, Ford was represented at the show by Dr. Raymond Murphy, operator of Bowling Brook Farm in Middleburg, Md., where Ford boarded his extensive broodmare band.

The top three finishers of the 1969 Kentucky Derby were trained by (from left) Elliott Burch (Arts and Letters-second), Lucien Laurin (Dike-third) and John Longden (Majestic Prince-first).

Burch was the first second-generation judge of the show–his father, Preston M. Burch, judged in 1946 and 1953.

■ For the fourth year in a row Maryland ranked fourth in Thoroughbred foal production, with 1,224 registered foals of 1967, behind only Kentucky (3,723), California (3,229) and Florida (1,422). Maryland's numbers increased 134 percent over 10 years. Virginia, ranked fifth with 953 foals, saw a 50 percent increase. Other regional states in the top 25 were New Jersey in 15th (314) and Pennsylvania, 21st (252). South Carolina had 165 foals; West Virginia, 61; North Carolina, 48; and Delaware, 6.

75 years ago

■ Edward S. Voss Jr. contributed a column titled the "Unfair Discrimination Against Racing," in response to criticism of racing during wartime.

"In these troubled times much antagonism has been raised against American racing," Voss wrote. "This opposition, whether just or unjust, can be blamed, along with many other issues, on the war. . .

"Racing contributes a vast amount of money to the federal government, state governments and municipalities. It has contributed no less than $10 million at least to Army and Navy Relief, the Red Cross and many other individual charities. . .

"Racing is a valuable morale builder, as is any other sport. People must have a place to relax and momentarily forget the routine and worry of everyday life. Racing is also a large industry, employing thousands of people directly or indirectly . . . If racing were stopped, it would be a tremendous or even impossible task to revive it. . .

"Most important of all, the breeding industry would be ruined. There would be no reason or reward for the average breeder to keep on. . . The work and pride of centuries would be erased, and the most thrilling and sometimes heartbreaking sport would come to an end. Why should a number of narrow-minded cranks and crooks destroy an institution which is enjoyed by the majority of people."

25 years ago

■ The list of 3-year-old classic contenders from the region continued to grow, with the addition of first time graded winners Concern and Soul of the Matter. Robert Meyerhoff's Maryland-bred Concern won the Grade 2 Arkansas Derby in dramatic fashion, coming from 15 lengths back in last to get up and win by a neck, while Burt Bacharach's West Virginia-bred Soul of the Matter, by Maryland sire Private Terms, captured the Grade 2 San Felipe Stakes.

Concern was not headed to Kentucky however. "The only way to go to the Derby is if you have a chance of winning," said his trainer Richard W. Small, who had saddled Concern's sire Broad Brush to finish third in the 1986 Kentucky Derby and Preakness.

Soul of the Matter, trained by Richard Mandella, started in the Derby and finished fifth, 6½ lengths behind winner Go for Gin. Concern ran third behind Tabasco Cat and Go for Gin in the Preakness. By the time the two Mid-Atlantic-breds retired, they had earned a combined $5,382,168 and counted among their wins or placings the Breeders' Cup Classic-G1 and Dubai World Cup.

■ Vinnie and Suzanne Moscarelli, at whose Country Roads Farm near Charles Town, W.Va., Soul of the Matter was foaled and raised, discussed their connection to Burt Bacharach (they met the famous songwriter through his former business manager Alfred Braunstein, whom Vinnie knew while playing polo), how the farm in West Virginia came to be, and the host of good runners produced by Country Roads.

Burt Bacharach's West Virginia-bred Soul of the Matter, based in California with Richard Mandella, prepped for the Kentucky Derby with a win in the San Felipe Stakes-G2 at Santa Anita.

"Getting horses ready to go to California to run is our main objective," noted Vinnie Moscarelli.

■ Glowing Tribute, a cornerstone of Paul Mellon's Rokeby Farm in Upperville, Va., was named 1993 Broodmare of the Year by the Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association. She was the dam of 1993 Kentucky Derby-G1 winner Sea Hero, as well as stakes winners Hero's Honor, Wild Applause, Glowing Honor and Seattle Glow, and her seven foals to race had earned in excess of $4.1 million.

■ One day before he was scheduled to ship to Stone Farm in Kentucky to begin his stud career, Santa Anita Handicap-G1 winner Sir Beaufort died of a ruptured intestine. Bred by Buckland Farm in Virginia and campaigned by Pennsylvanian Victoria Calantoni, who purchased the gray son of Pleasant Colony for $7,000 at Fasig-Tipton Midlantic's December sale as a weanling in 1987, Sir Beaufort earned $1,149,130 from 34 starts.

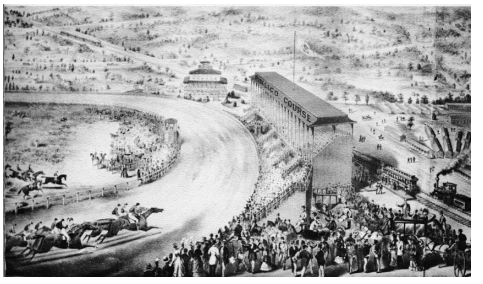
■ Constance Capuano's 10-time stakes winner Silver Tango was retired and bred to Unbridled. Trained throughout her career by Capuano's son Gary, Silver Tango amassed $474,892 and was graded stakes-placed. Bred in Maryland by Jeanne F. Begg, she was a daughter of Silver Badge out of Royal Tango, by Princely Pleasure.

Silver Tango produced 13 foals, and of her eight winners, four were stakes horses, including stakes winners Dale's Prospect and Our Commander. Her stakes-placed daughter Scarlet Tango is the dam of Grade 1 winners Tara's Tango and Visionaire and Grade 3 winners Scarlet Strike and Madison's Luna. The Unbridled offspring was the unraced Untangled, dam of five stakes performers, including Puerto Rican champion Full.

10 years ago

■ "Pimlico, Preakness look to ward off extinction. Again." was the headline of a story by Pimlico historian Joe Kelly. "Nervous whispers and doomsday rumors have stoked the Baltimore landmark for 139 years, sometimes justifiably," wrote Kelly. "But just as history cloaks Pimlico's centerpiece, the Preakness Stakes, so it embraces Pimlico's resiliency. Along with the glory, America's second-oldest racetrack has had bitter doses of desolation, which at times threatened the very existence of the old grounds. It has survived wars, including the Spanish-American, fires, bankruptcies, management changes, closings, rehabs and the persistent natural erosion of time, while touching three centuries."

■ In his 2009 debut, two-time Eclipse Award-winning Maryland-bred Good Night Shirt, trained by Jack Fisher, ran his win streak to seven by adding the Carolina Cup-G2. The victory pushed Sonny and Ann Via's 8-year-old chestnut son of Concern over the $1 million mark in earnings. One week earlier, Pennsylvania-bred Mixed Up won Aiken's Imperial Cup to kick off his 10-year-old campaign. It was the first win for Bill Pape and Jonathan Sheppard's Carnivalay gelding since August 2007.



Pimlico's history was captured in this 1870s print depicting the original grandstand and clubhouse.

Edward P. Evans' homebred Quality Road was the dominant 3-year-old at Gulfstream Park in 2009, and set a track record in the Florida Derby-G1.

■ Edward Evans' Quality Road solidified his standing as one of the best of his generation with a powerful performance in Gulfstream Park's Florida Derby-G1, in which he set a track record of 1:47.72 for the 1⅛ miles.

■ The New Jersey Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association and Thoroughbred Breeders' Association of New Jersey joined with representatives of the Interactive Media Entertainment & Gaming Association and Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association of New Jersey to support a lawsuit declaring the "Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act of 1992" unconstitutional. The PASPA was a federal law banning states from getting into the sports wagering business.

CALENDAR

MID-ATLANTIC TRACKS

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777 Delaware Park Blvd., Wilmington, Del. 19804. (302) 994-2521; (800) 441-6587 (outside Del.); fax (302) 993-8952. Racing Secretary: Tom Creel. Racing dates: May 4 to Oct. 5; www.delpark.com.

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Pimlico Race Course
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Timonium
P.O. Box 188, Timonium, Md. (410) 252-0200. Racing Secretary: Georganne Hale. Racing dates: Aug. 23 to Sept. 2.

OTHER TRACKS

Arlington Park—May 3 to Sept. 21
Belmont Park—April 26 to July 7
Belterra Park—April 26 to Sept. 29
Canterbury Park—May 3 to Sept. 14
Churchill Downs—April 27 to June 29
Del Mar—July 17 to Sept. 2
Ellis Park—June 30 to Sept. 2
Finger Lakes—April 27 to Nov. 27
Golden Gate Fields—Dec. 26 to June 9
Gulfstream Park—April 4 to Sept. 29
Hastings—April 21 to Oct. 20
Horsemens Park—May 11 to June 8
Indiana Grand—April 16 to Nov. 6
Lone Star Park—April 18 to July 21
Los Alamitos—June 27 to July 14
Louisiana Downs—May 4 to Sept. 25
Mountaineer—April 28 to Dec. 4
Oaklawn Park—Jan. 25 to May 4
Prairie Meadows—May 3 to Sept. 10
Santa Anita—Dec. 26 to June 25
Saratoga—July 11 to Sept. 2
Suffolk Downs—May 18, 19; June 15, 16
Sunland Park—Dec. 28 to May 5
Tampa Bay Downs—Nov. 24 to June 30
Thistledown—April 29 to Oct. 19
Turf Paradise—Oct. 13 to May 5
Woodbine—April 20 to Dec. 15

MID-ATLANTIC AUCTIONS

Two-Year Olds in Training, Fasig-Tipton Midlantic, Timonium, Md. (410) 392-5555 or 252-5860. May 20, 21.
Midlantic Fall Yearlings, Fasig-Tipton Midlantic, Timonium, Md. (410) 392-5555 or 252-5860. Sept. 30, Oct. 1.
December Mixed, Fasig-Tipton Midlantic, Timonium, Md. (410) 392-5555 or (410) 252-5860. Dec. 10.

OUT-OF-STATE AUCTIONS

Santa Anita Two-Year-Olds in Training, Fasig-Tipton California, Arcadia, Calif. (859) 225-1555. June 5.
June Two-Year-Olds and Horses of Racing Age, Ocala Breeders' Sales Co., Ocala, Fla. (352) 237-2154. June 12-14.
July Selected Horses of Racing Age, Fasig-Tipton Kentucky, Lexington, Ky. (859) 225-1555. July 8.
July Selected Yearlings, Fasig-Tipton Kentucky, Lexington, Ky. (859) 225-1555. July 8, 9.

REGIONAL RACE DAYS

Pennsylvania's Day at the Races, Parx Racing, Bensalem, Pa. (610) 444-1050; www.pabred.com. Aug. 3.
New Jersey Thoroughbred Festival, Monmouth Park, Oceanport, N.J. (732) 870-9718; www.njbreds.com. Aug. 25.
West Virginia Breeders Classics, Charles Town, Charles Town, W.Va. (304) 725-0709; www.wvbc.com. Oct. 12.
Maryland Million, Laurel Park, Laurel, Md. (410) 252-2100; www.marylandmillion.com. Oct. 19.

ASSOCIATION EVENTS

Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association Iroquois Awards Banquet, The Hotel Hershey, Hershey, Pa. (610) 444-1050. June 7.
Maryland Horse Breeders Association Yearling Show, Timonium Fairgrounds, Timonium, Md. (410) 252-2100. June 30.

NSA SPRING MEETS

Virginia Gold Cup, The Plains, Va. May 4.
Winterthur, Winterthur, Del. May 5.
Iroquois, Nashville, Tenn. May 11.
Willowdale, Kennett Square, Pa. May 12.
Radnor, Malvern, Pa. May 18.
Fair Hill, Fair Hill, Md. May 24, 25.

SPRING POINT-TO-POINTS

Howard County Cup, Brookeville, Md. May 4.
Potomac, Potomac, Md. May 19.

SEMINARS

Penn Vet First Tuesdays Lecture Series, New Bolton Center, Kennett Square, Pa. Admission free. (610) 925-6500; beltb@vet.upenn.edu; www.vet.upenn.edu/about/news-and-events/press-releases. *Unravelling Laminitis: What We Know and Where We're Going,* May 7; *Paleolithic to Picasso: Interesting Stuff About Horse Anatomy,* June 4.

EVENTS

America's Best Racing's 6th annual Pre-Preakness Party, Mt. Washington Tavern, Baltimore, Md. Tickets must be purchased in advance on Eventbrite. May 15.
Thoroughbred Charities of America Founders Celebration and Cocktail Party, Timonium OTB, Maryland Fairgrounds, Timonium, Md. (859) 276-4989. May 19.
NSLMology: Science of Sporting Art. April 12 to Sept. 15.
Deconstructed: The NSLM Sporting Screen. April 12 to Sept. 15.
Canter & Crawl: The Glass Sculpture of Joan Danziger. May 17 to Jan. 5. National Sporting Library & Museum, Middleburg, Va. www.nsl.org. (540) 687-6542.
National Issues Forum, American Horse Council, Washington, D.C. (202) 296-4031, www.horsecouncil.org. June 9-12.

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ACROSTIC

By Vinnie Perrone

Waiting for the blacksmith, the vet, post time for your horse's race? Maybe you just have a little time on your hands. Regardless, try this acrostic puzzle, created by writer (and word puzzler) Vinnie Perrone. Not quite a crossword puzzle, a little more than Sudoku, an acrostic tests your knowledge of racing and other trivia. When you're done, the puzzle reveals a quote from the *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* archives and the speaker's name/topic. Solution provided next month.

HOW TO SOLVE: Define clues in Words column. Transfer letters to diagram. Quotation reads across; first letters of Words column, vertically, form acrostic of speaker's name and topic. NOTE: The puzzle contains no punctuation.

CLUES	WORDS
A. Italian-born jockey has won 14 BC races	36 149 20 56 89 131 72
B. One horse-breaking objective	101 6 129 77 54 145 24 160 35
C. Oaklawn Park announcer: 2 wds.	115 3 28 44 128 97 136 65 154 79 15
D. GSW son of Forty Niner is damsire of Palace: 2 wds.	109 16 74 48 142 32 92 158
E. Brings up again	108 70 88 40 165 57 133 151
F. Little Bold John carried his colors	11 110 157 80 126
G. Likely disqualified, conversationally	104 18 46 4
H. Monmouth G3 stakes Berned won in '18: 2 wds.	30 135 52 148 2 99 118 61 13 76 163 90
I. Joint problem can manifest in knees, hocks, fetlocks	50 102 78 139 19 116 155 5 91
J. Well dressed	12 34 152 75 124
K. Jim McKay's PA birthplace	98 146 7 162 83 134 22 121 37 71 53 111
L. Urge a horse into action	38 63 130 84 147
M. Brooklyn Dodgers' field, in the day	14 69 119 31 138 45
N. Pigment mutation never confirmed in horses	125 26 161 62 113 95 144 1
O. Generally tacky item of interest	41 127 85 117 60 156
P. The Jockey Club limits it to 18 characters	42 150 68 100
Q. New York's official nickname: 2 wds.	58 164 23 122 66 43 93 141 8 81 107
R. Beelzebub	112 47 123 59 73
S. He trained G1 winner Mind Control	96 143 10 49 29
T. Juddmonte's top all-time purse earner	17 51 120 64 137 82 106 27 159 39
U. Getting monetary help: 3 wds.	67 132 33 21 103 94 114 9 87
V. Wood Memorial prep	55 153 105 86 140 25

1 N	2 H	■	3 C	4 G	5 I	6 B	7 K	8 Q	9 U
■	10 S	11 F	12 J	13 H	14 M	15 C	16 D	■	17 T
18 G	19 I	■	20 A	21 U	22 K	■	23 Q	24 B	25 V
26 N	27 T	28 C	29 S	■	30 H	31 M	32 D	33 U	■
34 J	35 B	36 A	■	37 K	38 L	39 T	40 E	41 O	42 P
43 Q	44 C	45 M	■	46 G	47 R	48 D	■	49 S	50 I
51 T	52 H	53 K	54 B	55 V	■	56 A	57 E	58 Q	■
59 R	60 O	61 H	62 N	63 L	64 T	■	65 C	66 Q	67 U
68 P	■	69 M	70 E	71 K	72 A	73 R	74 D	■	75 J
76 H	77 B	■	78 I	79 C	80 F	81 Q	82 T	■	83 K
84 L	■	85 O	86 V	87 U	■	88 E	89 A	90 H	91 I
92 D	93 Q	■	94 U	95 N	96 S	97 C	98 K	99 H	100 P
101 B	102 I	103 U	104 G	■	105 V	106 T	107 Q	108 E	109 D
■	110 F	111 K	112 R	■	113 N	114 U	■	115 C	116 I
117 O	118 H	119M	120 T	121 K	122 Q	123 R	124 J	■	125 N
126 F	■	127 O	128 C	■	129 B	130 L	131 A	132 U	133 E
134 K	■	135 H	136 C	137 T	■	138M	139 I	140 V	141Q
■	142 D	143 S	144 N	■	145 B	146 K	147 L	■	148 H
149 A	150 P	151 E	152 J	■	153 V	154 C	■	155 I	156O
157 F	■	158 D	159 T	160 B	161 N	162 K	163 H	164 Q	165 E

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A. Nod
B. August
C. Forehead
D. Zhukova
E. Glass Castle
F. Eschew
G. Roughly run
H. Assiniboia
I. Nosh
J. Eugenics
K. Wilwyn
L. Tarot
M. Howdy Doody
N. Injured
O. Noor
P. Gloss
Q. Twin Cities
R. Outside bias
S. Fastness
T. Error
U. Accelerated
V. Roster

Virginia Gold Cup, 1960. First run in 1922, the Virginia Gold Cup steeplechase meet takes its annual spot on the steeplechase calendar on Kentucky Derby Day, the first Saturday in May. Here, at the old Broadview course near Warrenton, a hillside full of spectators and some lucky others in the infield watch a race. The race meet moved to its current home at Great Meadow, north of Warrenton, in 1985.

Photojournalist A. Aubrey Bodine, who worked at the Baltimore *Sun* for 50 years–from 1920 until his death in 1970–captured many scenes of Maryland horses, farms and racing. He was regarded worldwide as one of the finest pictorialists of the 20th century. *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* features his work in Past Time.

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2019 Stakes Schedule

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2019

M. TYSON GILPIN | $100,000
VA. BRED / F&M / 5.5 F TURF

NELLIE MAE COX | $100,000
VA. BRED / F&M / 1 MILE TURF

THE MEADOW STABLE | $100,000
VA. BRED / 5.5 F TURF

EDWARD EVANS | $100,000
VA. BRED / 1 MILE TURF

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2019

CHESAPEAKE | $100,000
3&UP / 6 F DIRT

THE DA HOSS | $75,000
3&UP / 5.5 F TURF

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2019

OLD NELSON STARTER HCP | $75,000
3&UP / 1 3/16 MILES TURF

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2019

VIRGINIA DERBY (G-3) | $250,000
3YO / 1 1/8 MILES TURF

KITTEN'S JOY | $100,000
2 YO / 1 1/16 MILES TURF

VIRGINIA OAKS (LISTED) | $150,000
3YO F / 1 1/8 MILES TURF

ROSIE'S | $100,000
2YO / 5.5 F TURF

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2019

PUNCH LINE | $100,000
VA. BRED / 5.5 F TURF

BROOKMEADE | $100,000
VA. BRED / 3&UP / F&M / 1 1/8 MILES TURF

THE CAMPTOWN | $100,000
VA. BRED / F&M / 5.5 F TURF

JAMESTOWN | $100,000
VA. BRED / 2YO / 5.5 F TURF

BERT ALLEN | $100,000
VA. BRED / 1 1/8 MILES TURF

RANDOLPH D. ROUSE | $50,000
4&UP / F&M / 2 1/4 MILES STEEPLECHASE

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